

Martin says you can
make Tempe - your
head quarters as long as
you like -

Illamurta

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Dear Professor.

Only a short letter
this time for, for once I feel a bit
done up - I only got home last
night & have been hard at it all
day answering letters & trying to
finish a heavy batch of Official
stuff for mail tomorrow morning.
When I tell you that since the 2nd of
the month I have been to Mission
Station & along range via Pine Pt
to Tempe and Home - off next day
to Idracowra & back, off next day
to Mission & out to Tempe & then off
again next day to Idracowra &
home you will believe that I have

as his Kaiser does & he requested
me to allow him to photo my
Camel & self - Gillen, I missed there
by a few days both times but
I think he must have been
telling them that my methods
were sound if stringent or a
large pumpkin & some tom-
atoes ~~was~~ which I diplom-
-atically took there may have
caused them to think less of
the wily niggers. - One good turn
deserves another & I will take
Gillen in some stones & that
is enough of aborigine for tonight.
Practically speaking I dread
going in to Alice Sp & as Gillen
will be awful after the success
of the Ministry at recent
Elections - I haven't had time
to look at a paper & see into

he would probably have stopped had this occurred anywhere else but I was a bit anxious as to how the Missionaries would shape as I confidently expected them to report me for wadding the deuce out of two of their blacks for interfering with my protégée?? "Jado" whom I had sent there with a message to the Missionaries a couple of days previous to my first visit. I got the lubra & another suspected native & took them to Lempe & Martin took the lubra & saw where two beasts had been killed & only a little meat taken. I think matters are smooth up the fence as I was very polite to Mr. Stehlow J.P. who hates the English. I believe, as cordially

not had much time to spare in these short days. - Reasons - a rotten case of using cancelled brand which will cause me to be at Alice Sp⁸ on 10th June & a civilized beast of a Tempe nigger shading another blackboy's lubra & turning loose ~~that~~ amongst the cattle, he will be more trouble to get in those Ranges between the Palmer & the Finke than a dozen wild blacks as he is up to all the moves & worked those valleys running East from Palmer or Starra nicely - on my second trip he slipped me at the Mission Station in the night as he unfortunately was away after wood when we surrounded his Camp & saw us as he was coming back & cleared down the Creek

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had been mis-sent to Alice Springs
many thanks for the Report & also
for Part Botany & Geology. On my
return from Alice Sp^s I will send
Kean to Erldunda (with orders to
-secure me a pair of "Conilurus")
Conditor for you) and have a few
quiet days at various books.

A very brief epistle from Kearnland
this time & I was amused at your
description of his multifarious
appointments in the Expedition -
the Scientists of the Party being
all embodied in one person
certainly ought not to fall out.
I think he must have been flur-
-ried & thinking of The Passels
his name will bear after his
return or he would not have left
two lots of eggs in the chip boxes
when returning empties.

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things and make up a few of-
-fensive reasons to account
for the defeat of virtuous mem-
-bers & triumph of the villainous
ones, including his brother - worst
of all, I believe he wins some
money from me over results
& I do not dispute it for he
might get his brother or Kingston
to eject me Hospital Board
fashion. I quite agree with
your remarks re the way we
discuss each other & I know
you thoroughly understand
how well I like Gillen - I reserve
to myself, in open arguments,
the right to pitch into him but
when other people do it, I
am on his side. Kean got back
here on 1st May & brought some
papers & Hook's speech for me which

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Palmer writes at last & says he is not making a fortune but hopes to do well in the future - he says he is trying to work up a trade in cochenille with Java Singa-

apore etc. something very special - sells 10 lbs to the other people's one - & has the promise of a new line of steamers trading between Singapore & Sydney. I can't quite make out whether the steamers are to carry his Beef or merely consume it.

Re your trip I am glad you have more time at your disposal & will hold a consultation with G & B & arrange when in at Alice Sp. E. - You say you want to visit J. G. Range in a heavy rain - well unfortunately this can't be fixed to order or everything

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could be arranged ~~to~~ smoothly for you to miss Race Week which is chiefly notorious for the affectionateness of the Rum laden inhabitants of the District for any one with the price of a few drinks & for exhibiting a mutual friend of ours as a money grasper of a high order. The rain as a rule, comes about end of Dec^r or early in January but some years it is a minus quantity - we could be sure to be able to find a cave to keep things dry in such as camera etc & you might enjoy the pleasures of the Baleto. then we

know a little more definitely you might ask the Commissioner to ask Mr. C. "to render you any assistance he could" while writing this Martin has come in en route for A. to be sworn in as a J.P. I will try to persuade him to stay tomorrow so that I can send letters to Alice Sp. E. where mail leaves a week later than it does with us & now one more thanks & good night.
Yours very affectionately
Ernest Howle