

Alamurta

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Dear Professor.

Your long letter  
to hand last night. Re your  
trip. Gillen's idea was for me  
to meet you at C.N. & land  
you at Alice Sp<sup>g</sup> after which  
he would take you in hand  
& would see you back to C.N.  
or rather send you back as it  
would be impossible for him  
to get away for any time  
during the hot weather as the

line would immediately feel  
his absence and go wrong at  
once. I told him you would  
not visit Jill's Range unless  
it rained & wanted to avoid  
the Race Week but he sat  
on all little objections like  
that in his usual lordly  
manner. My idea was if  
I could meet you at C.M. with  
the Camels which are all riding  
ones, for you to leave there or  
send to Alice Sp<sup>d</sup> everything  
that you did not require on  
this part of the Country so  
that we would not be hamper-  
-ed with any thing you ex-

-rept the necessaries & travel  
quickly (out to Coolata if  
you liked) up here, get rations  
& on out to Jilli's Range, getting  
back to Alice Sp<sup>o</sup>? first week  
in December and sorrowfully  
bidding you good bye. The  
chief requirement would be some  
"bouilli" as meat keeps badly at  
that time. Flour tea & Sugar  
we could get here as our load-  
ing comes up now. If it keeps  
dry the Tempe Cattle will be  
out about Reedy Hole & there  
should be "Kooritchas" there but  
in that same contingency  
you say you don't want to

go near there at all. My only  
fear of arrangements this  
far ahead is of anything  
eventuating between this  
& November to prevent my  
meeting you at C.W. which  
would be an awful mess.  
Things are slightly unsettled  
just at present and I am  
going to Mission Station  
tomorrow to get a blackfellow  
remanded to Alice Sp<sup>o</sup> for trial  
& will see Jillen again then  
& suggest a safer plan. That  
is, for you to go straight to  
Alice Sp<sup>o</sup> by mail ~~to~~ then if  
it rains for me to come in

destroyed for ever if your trip  
was spoilt through me & not  
through my fault. Gillen was  
not bad this time but is  
whiskey starving himself &  
his friends to such an extent  
that it is getting painful &  
he has the cheek to say it is  
for our own good, luckily  
Martin was stopping there too  
& was well supplied (I. professes  
to be insulted if you take your  
own beverage.) Gillen was  
photographing mad & it was  
really hard to get a word  
with him, he is aggravating

over bigger questions - you  
told him some little thing  
& he is very interested & makes  
all sorts of enquiries & perhaps  
starts talking to you on the  
same subject next time he  
sees you & calmly assures  
you he has worked all this out  
long ago - he will only see  
three or four "Sovitchas" at  
the Mission & Christianity  
or rather associating with  
the disseminators of such  
has rendered them imbecile.

I noticed J. trying to get  
information from my boy  
& was not impressed, it was

chiefly on subjects filled  
was apparently well up in  
& he seemed too eager to show  
it, for whenever the boy was  
in doubt he would say "is  
isn't it" & naturally the  
boy would say - yes. I do  
really intends going down  
in Sept<sup>r</sup> & if I do, I will be  
back before end of that month  
which would not hinder  
my being at C.H., in fact  
there is really nothing tan-  
-gible to prevent my being  
there & able to put myself  
entirely at your disposal  
for a month or so but it is

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& get you there in December &  
see you safe via Gill's Range  
down to C.W. <sup>Jan<sup>4</sup></sup> Pado who would  
be home again then. This  
would prevent the possibility  
of your being stranded at all.  
I may have to take this afore-  
-said blackfellow down, in  
which case I would see you  
& we would know what we were  
doing properly, but I am not  
keen on going down at present  
at all - things are not working  
extra smoothly & I may be  
anywhere in six months &  
my peace of mind would be

a good market - I do hope  
we can arrange to go out  
Eldunda way as it is a  
piece which has not been  
skirmished over - how would  
it do to go there, if there  
had been no rain at Jill's Range  
it would take about 8 days  
from C.W. & from there to here  
4 or 5. or to Alice Sp<sup>8</sup>? 7 days.  
Well I suppose we will all  
know better what we are doing  
in a few weeks - in any case  
you will require little beyond  
tobacco, bouilli & what little  
luxuries you can't do without  
such as soap etc. the main

as well for us to be prepared  
at all points. I expect  
you will get the same non-  
-committal, non-official ans-  
-wer from the Comm<sup>r</sup> that H.C. &  
had - people have to be so  
careful nowadays with this  
blatant Ministry but you  
have a friend at Court in  
Peter. Paul. & he being the  
echo of the Premier can do  
much. Warburton has taken  
down a small lot of Cattle  
& Martin has sent down 290  
head & I trust for both their  
sakes that they will strike



ingredients - flour & sugar  
are harder to procure on  
the spot - Oh. bring in any  
case, a few pounds of good  
tea - All foot tea is rotten  
& I can't say what ours will  
be like although I have written  
& ordered the best Assam.

I am fairly shivering with  
the cold so good night with  
all good wishes & hoping we  
may soon meet.

Yours very sincerely  
Christ. Lowe  
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