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Mamurta22nd Aug 1896.

Dear Professor.

I was very glad to get your letter, when I last wrote to you I was hurried worried + generally upset + could not express myself with the lucidity I wanted to + even after I had written to you I would have written again only I thought I might only make a worse muddle, let me try + do better this time.

I got my nigger remanded to
Alice Sp^{er} & came home here & then
found that if I did not clear
again next day I would miss
Jillen & no one would be avail-
-able to try my animal, so I
sent a boy on to Jillen post
haste, burnt up my private
letters & cleared myself, how I
fared at Alice Sp^{er} Jillen no
doubt told you as I asked him
to explain matters and although
he wanted you there Race time
I think our arrangement is
best & as I put it before, absolutely
prevents a complete fracas.
At present "McClowle is in-

³formed that Prof^r Spencer is
visiting C. G. at end of October
& is instructed to render any as-
sistance & to accompany him
to G. G. Range. It still keeps
dry and at present Martin
has cut benches out of Reedy
Hole & Kathleen & has about
2500 cattle out there - how
should this affect the Country
biologically - of course if there
is rain I do not think the
Cattle would be left there long
and in accordance with your
instructions I am praying
fervently or blaspheming, one's

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just as effective as the other
to a Protestant. I can't make
out this year at all and the
effect of rain as you remark
is very noticeable on the fauna
of this region. I have just
been telling Mr. French that
at this time last year the
season for hawks & parrot
eggs was about over, yet up
to date I have only secured
two eggs - even the house mice
are missing. I have been trying
to secure one this last three
weeks to compare with one the
lutra brought in from the

Sandhills without luck, to me they appear exactly alike but she has a name for each.

Some time ago I saw or caught a glimpse of a spotted cat (Dasyurus) Charlotte Waters 'Chilpa' Looritchha "Coonincher" & have been offering a shirt for one all the blacks know him but have not secured one yet & they recognise the drawing in "Lydetker". Jado brought me in two Rabbit bandicoots a week ago "Per^s Lagotis" I think, and a couple of days ago the boys dug out a pair

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by the horse yard, they bite
hard & as I am probably
going out Tempe way in a
few days I intend to slaughter
& salt them, ~~and~~ I have been
feeding them on "Yellka" &
witchities & have also tried
carrots & lettuce leaves but
they do not appear to be thriving
& as each night they turn the
straw I gave them, over ~~any~~
everything, I can't say how
much they eat. but I must say
they appear leaner than when
I first boxed them. Pado tells
me he is off on 15th Sept^r

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I may run over & look at the
nest but perhaps the fact that
our own Gold Fields are on the
move may induce him to re-
-turn; several of us are in a
syndicate so as to be the early
worms if possible, up to date
my part has consisted in
writing out a little cheque
& I am totally in the dark
as to the personnel of the
Concern but I think Pado will
have the engineering of the
matter on his hands when
he goes South - wish us luck
but don't invest unless you

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can get in on a free pass. I
have a good many sovereigns
sent in that folio and if
this venture brings them back
I'll be quite satisfied without
wishing to rob my friends
& the Widows & Orphans.

My camera not yet to
hand & I missed an interest-
-ing subject (anthropologic-
-ally or ethnologically) in
a native confinement, there
were no old hags about & the
youthful mother seemed to
have no idea of what to do
so Kean & I had to act as

accoucheurs ⁹
~~gynecologists~~?? the child throve
 for about three weeks but the
 night before last I think the
 lubra slept on it and the
 poor little devil died. Did
 Jilen tell you that my
 prisoner took his sentence
 most impassively & only
 murmured that "crimson-
lubra bin make him kill
 cattle" - but when he got at
 him in his den & unfolded
 a papyrus as long as him-
 self + started to trace his
 descent through endless aunts,
 + great great grandfather's mother

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he fainted away completely?
Gillen was flying round with
"Sal Volatile" but I was calm
as I could prove I landed him
there with a full stomach +
in the event of an inquest
would have pointed out that
the cause of death was "Gillen
unwatered." & if his God, Kingston
interfered in his Hospital
Board style I should have
endeavoured to wreck his
autocratic foot on the question
even a Sub-Protector has no
right to invent tortures surpass-
-ing those of the Inquisition

in general friendliness.
 Glad to hear that Dr. Shirling's
 work is at last in the Press,
 this off your mind & Mrs
 Spencer & the children being
 away in England will leave
 you with quite a free hand
 & now it rests with Providence
 & yourself as to how
 we fix things finally. Let
 me know if you decide on
 trying my side of the Country
 first & I will try & let you
 know as soon as possible if
 there is rain. I want no more
 than yourself to be at Alice's

during Race Week & personally
 it makes no difference now
 whether I meet you at Ch. &
 say good bye at A.H. or vice
 versa - If we hit the Mission
 about Xmas time you would
 see German Style & a large lot
 of blacks who they feast
 gorgeously at that time & we
 might also be recipients of
 a shirt, trousers & hat as Roger
 presented every white man
 there with this houseman last
 year. Think of that & wish
 all good wishes & trusting Mrs
 Spencer & the children will have a
 pleasant trip. Believe me,
 Yours sincerely
 C.C.