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Illamurta

14th Nov 1894.

My dear Professor:

Your very
welcome letter arrived safely
but I cannot say the same of the
jars of spirit, one of which &
several of the smaller ones were
broken. In the big jars I found
a frog & a little crayfish or
yabbie - was this an oversight?
at all events I have put them
by till I hear from you. It has
been terribly dry since you were
here & I saw no frogs while digging
out & cleaning our Spring which
was very low but will work out
as much as possible when I

see any tadpoles again & next
mail will try & get some more
of the red ants for you as I
have told the lubras to locate
some of their haunts. I am
sending you this mail two
of the small earth lizards which
I spoke about, they have only
two legs & these seem unde-
veloped, they wriggle out of
sight in the fine dust very
speedily. I hope they are some
kind (On a second examination
I find the larger one is growing
two more legs confound him)

Re rats I saw two the other day
which you may not have got
but I could not preserve them.
they were coloured like the one we
got from the Sandhills this side
of Ayers Rock - body slightly smaller

long hind legs on which they hopped do as a cicerone as he would
but the female had no pouch - I allow himself to be overcome
have two boys out now looding with pride & prejudice which
for some as they say they are coupled with ignorance &
about here - it was awfully savage arrogance & a certain amount
that I had no salt & that it was of good nature appear to be
the hottest day up to date. At all the unfailing attributes of all
events they were not pig footed. that class of ill bred crickmen
Every one here highly excited R.D. (I am of Irish extraction
over the forthcoming races myself). You know I like Gillen
& busy with their horses but also know his failings and
I don't intend going in if from the little glimpses I got
I can avoid it but if you of him from your letter I should
were to be there would do so not be surprised if you had
& I think you would find bottomed his character through
some interesting an thro- - by I wish you would let me
-pological specimens present know if it tallied with my
on the Racecourse. the details description. I had a long letter
of their history & private from Heartland who like your
life you could obtain fully - self fears the pruning knife
fromme - Gillen would not! I am sending him two big lots of

of your Camp had not the humanizing influence on the native assistants that it should have had. Arrabi has certainly not been much in evidence since I met him last but "Meenemurtyua" joined several other young men & has had rather a good time on the Peterman & Gill's Range. I followed this party backwards & forwards from the camp on Trickett's Creek to Bagot's Creek on the top of Gill's Range on foot last month, saw some nice inaccessible Rock holes but had no luck as they unfortunately came across our footprints near where you were digging with Pritchard & left no signs after that. I hate being bested so

I am going out again in about West as a b. d.
a week.

Are you really serious
It will take me some time in saying there is a chance
to completely grasp the names of your coming up next year
of various animals you men- you know we would be only
-tion owing to lack of an too glad to see you & to do any
appreciative audience with - they we could for you only if
pocket books to jot down the think you might lend the
golden utterances "I say take, Camera to Gillen. One current
'what did you say this was? story was that all the plates
' exact study on *Latifolia*' here were broken between Alice &
'Late *stephens latifolia* but Podnadatta & that the party
discovers next day that it is was indebted to Gillen for any
incanias? & so on. By the photos taken by the Expedition
way the member of your party I was down at Horse Shoe Bend
that told the chief scandal last week selling a dead
monkeys of Alice sp^s that man's effects & saw Field
Cowle travelled over a month there, he was going down to
with your Exped? & never wash. Crown Point to meet a lady to
-ed once is only to be described attend to Mr Gillen so that I
in the vernacular of the North reckon the Pontiff does not

eggs which I hope will arrive undamaged although I have fears after the way your tin suffered. Winnecke & the Doctor I have also heard from but Belt wants leaving in the centre of Lake Amadeus with a looking glass, he never answered my letter. I think the Photos you sent are really excellent especially the one of Ayers Rock taken from near our Camp there, I wish it showed that big piece of rock like a spring better. Amadeus is also nice & I recognize easily the short tail & nonchalant manner of the much anathemized Camera pack horse.

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intend to let the race of Kings of Alice Sp^d die out for want of direct issue.

The Garden which you ask after is the cynosure of all beholders, putting all joking out of the question. it has been a wonderful success & without seeing it one could not picture the extraordinary growth in it. Beetroot Cabbages Cauliflowers Onions Turnips Carrots & small stuff galore & we expect to have plenty of all kinds of melons & cucumbers also tomatoes within a month. Well you know this part of the Colony does not go for much in the line of sensational items so you will I trust excuse the jumble

of this epistle & with very best
wishes for a pleasant vacation
& a prosperous New Year

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Crestlow

I got over a couple of gallons
of Dawson's Dufftown to
celebrate my birthday last
month. we drank more than
one ounce p die. Thanks
for kind invitation to sam-
-ple yours which I will avail
myself of when I get the
chance. one can't say how
soon or how long this may
be.