Illaminta
21st June 1898.

Dear Professor,

I do hope and trust that the almighty Pontiff found time to put my message in one of his letters to you; otherwise you must be thinking me most ungrateful for not answering yours. Well to go back to the start—shortly after sending you my last hurried line to you, I wended my way to Tempe, in a very few hours cut tracks of some poor creatures after cattle, followed these for four days to point of Mt. Kevi Range when as we were only about six hours behind
them judging by their fires, I went to them on foot that soon discovered that they had just taken a scout round and come back to where they had started from to get a good view of the country and see if they were still being pursued, of course saw our footmarks and bolted, after a few days fruitless fooling trying to track them on horseback. Petersman flats I struck for the Sierra and Wild Eagle Plain which was the only other place where there were cattle. Of course soon had their tracks again, I sent the horses to Tempe early next morning Snake his lot (3) on the top of Mt. Shady took them to Tempe and left them, returned to Wild Eagle and Horse Plains as we had seen tracks of another mob after battle near night.
you wake up with unflagging regularity each hour when it dies out & sometimes you cannot even light the fire for fear of being seen. You say I always see the worst side of the blacks & I hardly think you judge fairly. These four week station blacks + all well treated + generally getting odd jobs about the place with no excuse at all to go out to "Wild Eagle" + only did so because Mr. Martin Coulthard were at Glen Helen + they did not expect me to be out again so soon + relied on their heads being obliterated before any one saw them. the force of example of the "whites killing" does not apply at Tempe because thank God so far that place has been immune in that respect.
From the absence of travellers, I took the negroes to Alice $10 when they were sentenced to six months & sent them down with them, did not see much of Ellen as I was only there forty eight hours & raced home here than down the road to attend at Horsehoe Bend as Dep't Ref Officer over the Federal business — had to wait there two days as the place has been recently ennobled with a license to sell wine & spirits etc things were very mixed then on to C.W. & back home via Erbdmanda.

Mrs. Sargeant has gone to town & has a deed of separation with her husband & to allow her 75c per week as long as she remains chaste unless people have a very depraved taste in bitches.
...to the interested people will be of most absorbing interest to value (I don't see that it will actually benefit the Arenas much though.) I hope it is properly & beneficially recognized, but don't for good ness sake tell Ellen I have said as you have fairly enough that man he goes about with his bridle out & a comb on him like a Kangaroo. Rooder x unless he gets a P.B. ship at least will be disappointed. I told him I could guarantee him one subscriber, he apparently said \"we don't want subscribers all we want is\" words Kudos did if you teach him this latter words (his silence when I asked him) appeared to me as if it were as the only had time for a stormy or two chiefly on the conduct... \"
of aboriginal warfare, he is con- 
ed to be much philanthropic 
at the cost of other people's expense, 
but his own losses in another 
affair he amassed. I wonder if 
that he never spent any money on 
him in the government endowment 
and if he would have been treated 
as much more roughly if by Dr. For- 
somehow I adumbrane the case 

Two years— he was very much 
taken with my camera and offered 
me his re a horse he wanted to 
for an exchange, but we did not deal although the native 
question at present keeps me 
idle. I read your critique on 
Roth's work. "Also saw of the Bulletin 
of 25th Dec. 1897. In case you missed 
it? I thought the idea of Circumcision 
being a kind of mummery. A pretty
36f. I think Parke's affairs will straighten shortly. I expect you have fathomed our mail arrangements by this time. I learnt that it took us two months now to get a reply instead of one week, 

that it is supposed to be an advantage for us. Well, appears able to do just as he likes with it. 

Everyone else seems to conspire to allow him to make £300 or so a year by running a mail with less than half the horses he really should have—of course you saw that yourself. War news etc is antique when we get it. 

When like myself, we miss a mail or two of papers we get fearfully behind times. I have been reading Feb & March papers.
since I got back to try & get a grip of things. French says you, he & someone else are just off for a holiday which I hope was an enjoyable one & that he attended to the provender satisfactorily. I am asking him what you people consider an outfit on these occasions. I am glad his last eggs arrived safely for the first time & hope to send him a few black Cot-...

... this mail. I am enclosing two in Keartland's lot for your friend St. Ryan & telling it to hand them to you. Please rem. ember me very kindly to J. Spencer & thanking you are all well & safely over the measles.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

C.E.