

Illamurta

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Dear Professor

Just a line to congratulate you on the F.R.S & the Fellowship of the Ant Soc^y which you richly deserved. How is it that the Pontiff did not get some letters such as K.B.B etc. I thought it was a certainty with Kingston at home to advocate his claims. I have posted you seeds of two of the 'Philotub' - it is difficult to get properly ripe ones for they shed the lower ones before the tip is mature, also a kind of daisy

which grows in the bed of seldom
running sandy creeks & is
rather pretty & a very free
flowerer. I got some of the Palm
Kernels (*Zant^o Thonatonii*) but I
found they were all too old or
have got black to bring me more,
for the inside of these was rotten.

Re Native Peach or quondong
(*Santalum*). note that the kernels
of these are carried by the
Blacks & used as an unguent
for the hair & head. I found a
bag full in an old niggers
kit last month, they soften a
bit when kept & when squeezed
are like thin putty. I often
wondered what they cracked up the
peach stones for as I knew they
did not do it for eating & fancied

that it was done in play by children.

A new man came in place of Barlow a few days ago but I can't give you an opinion on him yet as he has not had time to develop his various madnesses - hasn't been in the Bush before & on first impressions is decidedly commonplace & I fear from what I have noted, far from energetic - hope he will be a success & find a few more "aspirates" in time.

Roev advises me that rats are ^{ought} to get here about end of the month. I was mixed a bit over the cheque.

He told me you had sent him £20 & told him to send me some Flour etc & you telling me you had told him to do this & to draw

on him for cartage made me think the £20 was on this account he has explained that the cheque was for 10 mules & rats & everything is all right now. I got three ancient Eimu Churems during the month. Mardings very indistinct, I saw a very old stick in Martin's possession which I am anxious to get from him as it is not of much value to the person he is getting things for in England. but Tempe is Wootshire & a queer nut in a deal. the churema is of the "Nyee-roo" which is a little bird either "melanobryas bicolor" or one of the *Coccyzus* birds. I will ask details before I go on with my attempt to get it. Sofar I have Engl. Hawk, Kanyaroo from Thracium; English Hawk from Eethunda; uncharable bird; Spineer Gnat, Dove, little Hawk, *Carpenter* etc from main camp with Dog from Sreconter, Prugak Bird, Blue *...* "Goanna" from *Spica*, Kanyaroo from *Althara*; Kanyaroo from *Undara*; *Wichity* gnat (the one they get under ground) from *Hornblain*; *Pancharka* from *Deception Creek*.

+ others from Glen way that I have
not yet got details of nor of the stone Enu,
& Snake from Marceena. Am just finishing
mail, so I must shut up with best wishes
C.C.C.

The sticks I have been enumerating
are not Museum ap - but mine or
will go to you first chance & you can
do as you like with them only you must
give the Pontiff a little drivy out of the
duplicate ones or he will reckon I have
deserted him.