

Illa murata

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My dear Professor.

When you were up in these parts you impressed me with your many good qualities especially the virtue of forgiveness but it was left to me to discover since that you were a genuine Christian. Considering how impatient & untractable I was on many occasions it is awfully good of you to spare time out of your many calls on same to write such long letters to me, only one who

is getting a very parched appearance, I am glad you asked about water - our Sp8 or Soakage is remaining fairly well since I cleaned it out thoroughly. Bagot's Creek I visited at twilight ago & had difficulty to get a drink for the horses there only being the smallest possible amount - rapth them just now, they of water on the surface, the Kalkun, are all out in new bloom! Reedy Hole only have the main some of the rods are 10 to 12 feet Rock Holes just level with the long & many of them have surrounding country & no water assumed most fantastic escaping at all - at these three places the reeds are very dense & 12 or 15 ft high. At Penny's Sp8 (where Watt was snailing) there is scarcely any water at all. You seemed surprised & per- haps a little incredulous "I had no sleeves & only part of when I told you all these places run strong in the cold weather, yet rain or no rain, they will be just the same next year! there are a few lot of grass bees on the East End of Wild Eagle Plain about six miles from our camp & I am sorry you can't photograph them just now, they are all out in new bloom! Belt has at last written + complains bitterly of his treatment by other members of the Expedition while at Alice Sp8, he says "you know I had no sleeves & only part of

has spent many years in the Desert like myself can fully appreciate the pleasure of hearing & being brought in contact with a high state of civilization once more, my head scorches at the memory of many things & if I have not plainly expressed myself to you it is the fault of a none too brilliant intellect at any time having become greatly corroded. I have had two days genuine work trying to get you some specimens of ants etc but had no luck at all only finding some of those mice which we got at Bagot's Creek which I knew were no good to you, the rain still keeps off everything

Thornton up here, I read an interview in the Observer of Carr-Boyd whom you say you heard lecturing. & I came to the conclusion that I only knew one greater liar.

Gillen very kindly invited me in for Ichas but I had decided to stay Home this year & declined so Mr^s Gillen sent me out a pudding, by the interchange of such courtesies the integrity of Gillen's Empire is kept unimpaired and alliances with outer provinces cemented.

Garden feeling effects of the hot weather but still in very fair order. I am just harvesting our little bed of onions some of which are between $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2lbs

weight, this is not a very
exciting topic to you & you may
reckon it a small but the import
-ance of it on the Trade will be
recognized when I tell you that
the price of the onions is only
to be purchased very rarely
at from 9/- to 16/- tomorrow
I will be a sort of distributing
centre and despatch Cabages
& a few of the above mentioned
to Denbury & Temple Downs as
Christmas offerings. Spirits safely
to hand & I am glad my ser-
-vants got through. you did
not tell me if the lizards were
common & if you required any
more "Ill-chillyeras". We are
only allowed to send 1 lb
packages through the post
from here & it is only through

the complacency of Officials
at Podnadatta that any others
reach us. Well you know what
a Country this is to collect
news in so I am forced to
close this wishing you and
yours health happiness &

prosperity & remain

Yours very sincerely

Ernest Lowry

C. i.

"The back left in my smoking
"Jacket & the other Johnnies were
"too damned jealous to lend
"me anything". The young man
will not die of modesty.

Daer went in to the Races
on 13th & is very very confident
of success with his horses &
fond as I am of the topic it
is a relief to be done with it
for a time. you see it is the
great annual festival of
the Country and for four months
before & four months after with
many encroachments on the
intervening period, forms the
the sole topic of interest &
conversation whenever any
inhabitants of the place meet.
Martin went in two days
ago & we have not yet had