My dear Professor,

Tours of scattered dates from 16th to end of January safely in hand by this time. I hope you have got the boxes safely. Martin was under the impression that his one had gone to you in error, but his is still at Tempe Downs because the Afghan did not wait for Coulthard to come home. He is a bit disappointed because he wanted to fix it up for the old country. I wrote you a few hurried lines from Bend advising you of the boxes giving you news of Rasor self well after that. I had to go back to look for a bury. Comacd who was reported as dead out East of the fort. Well fortunately he was only nine miles out. The hot weather had left the body dry so it was not such an unpleasant job as I anticipated. Neither crows nor wild dogs has disturbed the body after about two weeks.
had here with me put in a very venomous report about me, to avoid having to go back to the Bush. He wrote and asked me to forgive him for anything he said about me, he had to resign & I did not ask the report till I asked for it - the fool practically pointed out that I did not want him to cook or do things not connected with Police for me but to do things for himself & as he liked. The reality was that I had struck at waiting on & being a servant practically to such a Loafer - all this is mere detail. About the same time, some sent an Anonymous letter to Lordennyson stating that it was commonly reported that on the best authority that I kept several aboriginal native mistresses to my own disgrace. The scandal & discredit of the young troopers stations under me. I had done this for years to the injury, degradation of all concerned, I had powerful friends but undoubtedly in the interests of morality I should be removed to settle Districts & civilizing influences & any of the young troopers who had been stationed under me could convict me if I did so. His Excellency had promised to assist the helpless natives & this was a chance to redeem that promise. Dennyson, with the customary gentlemanly instincts of a man another through the accident of having had a talented father, sent this before the Colonel & Comm. of Police & Bradshaw was to hold an enquiry - as he could not.
well come out, I went on & saw him & I think he was satisfied of the malicious falsity of the charges. Personally, I would have much preferred this coming out & seeing things for himself & making the very fullest enquiries, but if people in my position are to be subjected to such things on the strength of anonymous letters, then the game is not worth the candle for instead of a charge being proved against a man as in ordinary justice, one has to disprove them & half truths are always worse to combat than either straight out lies or whole facts.

Bob Ross - I know the Mauries who called on you; he is a son of the late Mr. Maurie, one of our west-betched absentee owners of Station Property. Maurie is a splendid fellow, a first class bushman with a fancy for exploring outside spots with a few camels - a blackfellow or two whom he systematically spoils, BUT he is cursed with the demon of Drink & when in its vicinity seems able to work no self control, - makes a perfect beast of himself. I can quite understand the various smell as I have been there when he has been that way.

Your remarks on the Bush bringing out new better qualities are flattering to the out back people, personally I believe that the bush dweller, I mean the one with a real love for the Bush gets perhaps too self reliant & from a constant habit of doing things for
to have done things well but as you say, the wealthy people have had all the cream of the expenses & the bulk of the people got on the pageant.

Yes & say the Portiff was in such good from when you saw him, I do not think I can write to him this time but may see you on the road up. Saw off tomorrow for the Bend to meet the up mail for I am instructed that Census papers are coming by this intermediate mail. Probably Brookes may be going down over the Craig Wilson case & this may mean that we will be doing the whole district after that I reckon. On Federal Elections as there is every chance of my happening up with your menagerie as with that end in view, will try to arrange to work the lower end myself. All sorts of rumours are current as to how you are coming up. First I hear Raggett was bringing you to Alice for, then that you were coming to Camels from Ar with horses. none of you tell me any details. I will not have time to go through the Census as you must take it as it is, I can clean up any of its failings if we meet which I devoutly trust is coming off. Kindest regards & best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

If this reaches you in Melbourne please remember to write as to how she got to England.