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Dear Professor,

Yours safely  
to hand or I note remarks re  
ground vermin. You must not  
think it any trouble looking  
out for them for you it is a  
pleasure as the landladies say  
only I don't want to bother you  
with rubbish or stuff arriving in  
bad condition. if dry salted specimens  
are any good it is no trouble what-  
soever to stow them but bottles  
run such a risk not only trav-  
elling round with me but also  
on pack horses to the Bend - you  
see if a mailman finds the  
shape of his bag not to his liking



he jumps them or waddies them  
to the desired shape with dis-  
-astrous results - well with re-  
-ard to Haplotis M. & Co of the  
jerboa species - both those came  
out of one hole but I am confident  
are not the ones that build the  
stick nests & which used to be  
plentiful about Blanchewater  
& Montecollina. on the Stelezeki  
Creek. Gill sent me a couple of  
dead Bats which seem a little  
larger than those occasionally  
around at night - if I find them  
presentable I will post them & he  
tells me he can obtain more if  
required. I have not seen Dague  
or Gillen so far although I hear  
the latter was close to C.M. taking  
Mrs Gillen & the children part of  
the road & that he goes down himself



a little later - I believe he is serious description unless  
himing his visit to meet Davitt he thinks of standing for the  
the other patriot with whom N.Y. District at the forthcoming  
he will join forces & together the Elections in which case he  
will lecture on Home Rule both will endeavour to get the B.  
English & Colonial stands, I believe enfranchised & on his return  
he intends to put the Government a business like canvass with  
on a firm financial basis and the aid of Foot-Ratons will be  
in the spare time he gets from the result.

the Bar, platform & theatres he Like other Nor West notab-  
will settle such minor details ilities I may visit the South-  
as the State-Bank, Binetallin -erru Repois about the end of  
Minimum Wage & assist his the Winter but at present am  
Brother. to provide that the State undecided in what character  
shall buy all wheat grown on to appear Black-ellow-theology  
the tillable settlement at not or Savant - the latter I should  
less than 57-6 bushel, this & certainly adopt if I could only  
photograph Davitt for the keeps my dead mouth & ignorant  
House of Commons in the old to myself at unopportune mon-  
Country will about keep him -ents & only spend a mesur  
from mischief of a more before the reporters - however,

there & was over there for that purpose, luckily the Father & some of the girls were there at the sad end but after she got ill she only lived for 48 hours and the others only got over in time for the funeral.

Willshire wrote to me this mail & talks of leaving the Victoria River Downs Police Camp <sup>500 miles South of Palmerston</sup> & asking me to let him know if he can recommend me as a suitable man to take his place. I am replying no at present under the circumstances & am afraid if I got the position it would cause too much jealousy amongst the senior men, yet this place is getting too civilized & I scarcely think I will be a favourite with the newly



I believe the World is very narrow & I might run foul of a snag if I ventured very far even before them. I deeply sympathize with the trouble you are experiencing from the Treasurer Turner, as you say it is manifestly unfair to bring you out breaking up your home etc under a specific agreement & then trying to crayfish.

I received very bad news about my mother's sudden death in Melbourne this mail & seem utterly unable to realize it yet it is the first break in our family & I was so looking forward to seeing them all once more soon, Mother's intention was to take a cottage in Melbourne and spend the rest of her life

arrived Missionaries. If I go  
there later on I ought to be able  
to do something for my scient-  
ific friends but would have  
to visit civilization first  
with that end in view will  
devote all spare time to study-  
ing the "London Journal" so as  
not to appear bute(?) this  
journal was the favourite reading  
of Thornton & he left a complete  
file behind him. extending over  
many years so that if I wish  
through the lot I should have  
a fair veneer of the language  
and manners of your bloated  
English aristocracy so highly  
acceptable to Colonialists of both  
sexes. With best wishes  
I remain

Yours very sincerely  
C. Fleet. Lewis