

Ullamurta

June 19th 1895

Dear Professor.

Very many
thanks for your kindly expressed sympathy, I do not feel it so much now that the first shock has gone off.

I have been away at Lempe for the last fortnight chiefly about head of Walker, Pray Hole & Pine Point with Coulthard & only returned yesterday with Martin. By mail Martin had an offer for 500 head of cattle on the Run & returned post haste to Lempe. I expect him back tomorrow en route for Alice Sp^d to wire.

& if I can get my share of this mail finished in time it is most likely that I will take a run in & make obeisance to the great or rather I think the advertisement puts it Big G. You know he & I are the best of friends but invariably have at least one battle royal when we meet & exchange many doubtful compliments and after an absence from each others vicinity of 18 months there is bound to be an escape of pent up steam & I think the change will do me good. When coming from Lempe the other day I met Belk's friend, I mean the one he assisted in the search for that "kind of bloody weed that grows "on these ere bloody hills" & he

looked very much as if the search or weed had not been a success. Another acquaintance of yours has just returned, while I am writing this in the person of "Arabi". I told you we got him employment in Police at Barrow Creek 200 miles North of Alice & thought he was out of the way for a time but here he is. We have been examining him & he reports being discharged but from my previous knowledge of the gentleman I feel certain he has shirked, however he will go on to Tempe till further particulars come to hand but sooner or later I fear parts of his anatomy will adorn someone's shelves (saving presence of

Missionaries).

As long as you are not too much troubled with inspecting parcels I will continue to send along anything I am not certain of in accordance with this intention I forward a 'jerboa' about half size of lack which appears different from "Mitchell's" & I think an adult also two young ones which the blacks tried to convince me were another species.

I have the names you have given me fairly correctly for Allen's benefit but it is in ornithologic-al nomenclature that I expect to score most heavily as I scarcely expect him to be so well up in that line. I am glad Pado is crushing well for Marsupialo, what

see Professor no one is more keenly alive to their imperfections than I am & yet I haven't got the stamina to get shut of them. I think it is only my memories of a few good women that have kept me from going to the dogs altogether.

Re Northern Territory, I got a wire asking if I would like to be transferred there & that I could travel overland. To which I am replying in the negative today, I hope what you say in regard to the possibility of Ill.-amurta being closed & my relegation to more salubrious spots but at present am doing fairly well here & until I have a good balance at my back and fates are propitious will remain

line do Squires & Field affect?

It was very kind of you to tell me to make your house my mecca when I visit Melbourne & I know that you really mean it but my sister lives there also & would never allow it & on the whole I am assured that this would be very much to your benefit, You, who constantly live surrounded by intellectual people & the refining influences of women would have to cage me somewhere in the back yard & if any of your acquaintances dropped across me, you would have to exhibit me as a specimen of what a Nineteenth Century Australian debarred from these privileges & with a backward tendency can develop into. You

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of it?

year & as people in our line
of life appear none too keen for
receptiveness re publication of
the proceedings of the great Exp^{ts}?
I don't anticipate much
trouble in getting there when I
x look as anxiously forward to
desire to. Besides this unless I
Belt's contribution to the Volume
got charge at Willshire's place
which I am afraid will consist
it would mean actual loss
of low down personalities &

I also have an enquiry from
a gorgeous description of the
Williams (Codnadatta) who wishes immense assistance he
one to join him and go in for
rendered the starved members
6 or 12 mos? leave without pay
of the party. He needs writes
& either go through to W. Ab
in better spirits & also Prof^{rs}
with Camels via Musgrave, Mann, Kearland who seems to be
& London Ranges for ourselves having much trouble & illness in
or for a syndicate which he is his circle - Well now once
assured we could easily get up more thanking you & with
this scheme I am considering best wishes from us both.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
C. Ernest. Gould

the world out for a chance to rise
somehow - What do you think