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Dear Professor.

Your letter duly to hand and I have sent word to P.M.B re the fawn coloured jirboa which has not turned up this way so far although we have at present a regular plague of mice, they are in every thing flour, sugar, rice etc they were at Eldorado about six months ago and later on at Henbury so the main lot appears to be coming from the South, they seem to me just like the domestic mouse, shall I send you a specimen. I went into Alice & Co

as I intended & had a fairly
giddy time. Gillen may tell
you if he finds time to mention
my name that I was a little
uproarious but I am giving you
the facts. I was simply exhil-
-arated. we never had a battle
even, simply fair comment on
subjects in general, naturally I
gave him my ideas on the present
one man S. A. Government & the
idiocy of his (Gillen's) brother in
particular posing as a man
of enlightened ideas and fancying
Village Settlements had completely
settled the labour question and
in consequence he believes now
I am morally & politically beyond
reform, we mutually plastered
each other up and I won his
heart completely by talking of

means they can know full well how little the really interested natives have to say in the matter, how he reconciles this with his position of Protector of Aborigines & his negrophile ideas in general I can't conceive & in consequence I am beginning to think there is something in possessing a truly Roman Catholic conscience & that there may be something in the remission of sins after all. Putting all nonsense aside, he was very nice and when one is personally in contact with his bottle of Dawson, he exercises a charm over an untamed mind which is hard to realize till you experience it. If the Horn Expedition does no good to the

Scientists of made reputations decided to postpone my visit, it will have accomplished one till the tail of that comet is great thing at all events & that is swallowed in the oblivion of the the renaissance or renaissance past. I am sending Mr French of Science in the Northwest (provided a few eggs which I trust will be fit ever existed in the Country) the ones he wanted, I notice that All the people at A.G. who know even collectors of little eggs have their alphabet now seems to be their little animis towards one going in for eggs, rats, bugs, rebels, another & I fancy the black coat- et al. I saw Squires out on an - atoo has something to do with it. unenuecessful search about French has a most exalted opinion of you and constantly bells me Condon's lagoon.

I am sorry I displayed such how good you are to him. ignorance re the surroundings of Horn is hanging fire properly, a knowledgeable man of the present & it must be very trying to a day but feel more contented now temperament like yours constantly that I am aware that you do mis kept at Concert pitch by a class of with the common clay occasionally students feelingly described in and even relish it, however in your last, I fancy you ought view of Jellen's being at present now to be metaphorically rather pouring the other colonics I have like a lizard's tail & apt to snap

you & the other scientists' while
 on his part when talking over
 native totems he said, "You are
 "one of the few men in the Count-
 ry with sufficient intellect to
 'take an interest in this subject
 'without wanting to rush off &
 'talk of lubras & horses like the
 "other bloody fools" I did not
 forget this as it was such a
 mouthful without a break
 he really has a splendid lot
 of stones & I will try & get him
 more but these less civilized
 blacks are more chary of impart-
 -ing any knowledge than the
 animals about A.G. Gillen talks
 of how much they value these
 stones & of their great antiquity
 yet he gets these niggers round
 him to obtain them by any

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off rather short. I am off to
Tempe in two days & on my
return Daer will probably go
over to Melbourne for a trip.
The garden & hens are in great
form and likewise the goats & sheep
who have increased some 40 odd
in the last week so I am nearly
out of my mind mothering kids
I find I am reduced to scraps of
paper so I must conclude wishing
you a good time & that you may
survive the ordeal of Gillen who
should be crushed a little since
Rosebery's fall.

Remain

Yours very sincerely
Ernest Howle

Please remember me to Gillen
if he is around.