

We must get
Loren to in
Tommy if we
don't get out
about mil work
up hills

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My dear Spencer

I returned here today fairly
knocked up & limp as a result
the weather in Iowa was simply
infernal I have never felt the heat
so much in the Centre - for the
last two night I scarcely slept
at all. I saw chance off at 7.10
I have hired two Police at Gannon
to procure a man to assist
him in feeding & watering &
relocating horses - they are excellent
teams for our purposes &
but bawped up about the
legs - one or two of them - but
they will not feel their ailments
on our bush tracks. I got a

pass for Chance right through
arranged that you & I
are to pass from
Adelaide. I procured from the
first ^{and} addition to the four
sets of harness which seem ^{to be}
the buggy six good leather
collars half a dozen leather
halters. Procured all camp
equipment but forgot to buy
spiral wire can go up
back us - Bought Cass
board with a good added
price to be collected when
of good contained - Camp
bags not procurable in
ready made, but in any
are any sort of fatapureba
stuff. Would be useless in that
climate - McMeulen has a

good quality canvas tent
with some preparations which
makes it waterproof & the
said the most suitable material
for clothes bags & camp
No one took it together
in Adelaide. Did not buy
hammocks - Chance had a lesson
in trial cleaning & many hats
Zitz favors seasonal soap
know the oil is sufficient for us
to take says Corcoran
dangerous to use & destroys
skins by making them brittle -
As requested by you I
forward 10 lbs of it
returning from Melbourne -
Bryce says "I have to
buy to meet Chance's
too poor". We may have a

a little trouble & inconvenience
at Rodna lalla but I'll do
my best to minimize it -
I have got the 3rd Class check
piece of news rail I was sure
please you - Sir Lewis Todd
has very nice & reminded me
that he had predicted these
terms which he didn't! - We are
to have a pocket relay with
permission to speak to our
the line & send free messages
through him to our news
wherever we please. All Stations
throughout line will be instructed
to afford as all possible assistance
Gail is very keen on us keeping
an special form of diary in brief
in addition to ordinary journal & as
he offers to have it printed free
by Govt I think it would be

had to fall in with his
 notes - I asked him to note
 you. I had a few minutes
 in Dr. Edison's agency & from
 that I saw there a \$15
 machine with cylinders at 2/6
 each would be admirable for
 our purposes. The expensive
 machines are too bulky & the

cylinders correspondingly so -

Hon J L Parsons Secy of Roy's
 Geographic Soc. Cal said
 something about a kind of
 but I think I have effectively
 nipped that idea in the bud
 I said that neither of us
 cared for that sort of thing
 & would much sooner go quietly
 away without any fuss - The
 Societ here hangs like a night mare

over my head & finally sent
them home. I shall get
through it -

Please send along photo
at once for Regulator
they are worrying me -
also rough notes as to
route proposed north to

Lilly says we must take
the formalin I took here
to get together any better
things he thinks necessary &
keep them in readiness when
we arrive - Don't think

it advisable to buy our stores
for Northern end, nor to command
possibly judge quantities & if it
stabilize we must have it north
come little later. Chance over
Stocks you will gladly purchase

for us - Bring the Cuenavagat
through as a scientific instrument
otherwise it shall have to pay
daily - Sent off cases & all
Camp stuff with Chance: we shall
have bulky loads. Survey men
advised not to put more than
a ton in baggy - Have sent
in plenty Calico, chaco cloth, & muslin for
wrapping small specimens. Don't think
it is worth while taking up freeways they
are expensive. Take up a good deal of room
& from with the two truggers we shall have no
space to spare. Smith you had not
mentioned these items surely there was no
necessity. Saw Fred in town he said
not to see to East Adams for two
or three months the heel though healed
is very tender & will remain so for some
time - Harris. Scarpe can supply
Prosser pistol at £5 no necessity
to buy in Melbourne unless you can
get it cheaper. Bought 1 Revolver at 50/-

quite good enough for a night
- This is a despatched equalled
old man - walking with a
cane around me & in considerable
pain from the d-d pills - but
it contains, I think, all the
information you want - I don't buy
clothes bag in Melbourne the staff
I saw at Melbourne is just the
thing - Let me know as soon
as possible when you intend
to be in Adelaide - I am going
to loaf around & keep clear
of the office this week - feel
that I too want a real rest
& change of standard req^d to Mrs Spencer

I remain

Yrs ever

W. G.