

Moorea

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My dear Spencer

Yours to hand today I was glad to hear that Mrs Spencer has recovered from her accident. we were a little anxious about her.

Your time is indeed very fully occupied I hope you wont overdo it, you should put in a week with French in the scrub before resuming at the University: You appear to have come real out of your shell at the Melbournian Social, the Advertiser printed some extracts from your speech - punctured with laughter & Cheers - I said that when you sat down you were very

hardly checked. Why is it that
my reference to a brother in Law
causes laughter? I have never
personally known an instance of a
man dubbing his brother in Law
& I think it's quite an exceptional
experience. I don't envy you your
experience in packing & shall be glad
when I know that you are comfortably
settled in your new quarters. I don't
remember totems of Julius & Coetzey's
label but I have telegraphed to Jim
Field & hope to get the information
in a day or two. I don't want
anything out of the collection except
the few articles labelled with my name
The time will come when I shall
have to send my collection & I don't
want to touch it at the expense
of the Expedition. Has the bond come

come to hand safely? I hope you are
charging the cost of its carriage to
your Museum it is certainly not
fair to charge it to the Expedition.
The boxes or crates you find so
troublesome in Melbourne has not
made that appearance in my collection;
all the wooden things are in first
rate order & so too are the steel
& strong things which I have had made
glass & metal spindles & in carbonic
acid & metal. Many of my best
things which have been exposed in the
field has been destroyed but I have
still a valuable lot of stuff which
I hope some day to show you when
you will be at liberty to keep company.
I am enclosing cheque drawn in
your favor for £104 this plus 12/6 is
the balance now lying to credit of

Expenditure after allowing for two
outstanding cheques. The 10/3 can
be withdrawn after these cheques
come in: if they don't come in but
June there will be a charge of 5%
debited for keeping account. I
make our balance £108 odd but
I'm in doubt the Bank statement is
correct - I am enclosing Statement made
up to within a few days.

Novata is in a depressed &
depressing state, and because of the
of expenses many people think it is
the beginning of the end of the old
Mine but at any rate some hundreds
of men are to be thrown out of
employment for few months & thus to
those with families means hardship &
misery: Under the circumstances I much
regret that I did not take Malvern

When it was vacant.

You will I am sure be sorry to hear that Mr. Angus Johnston was found dead in his bed on Monday morning he is supposed to have died of heart disease

I am enclosing leading article from the Register which I think will interest you it has taken

the reader a long time to digest my interview & you will notice that he has quibbled my statement

about the Malandora. Evidently the old Malandora - how broad

we were of the breast - is going to create some stir in the world

I was surprised to receive a long letter from Bejus a few days ago, he complains of feeling very lonely at the Charlotte & says the

photo of the Interior is in
a dreadful state of drought.
he promises to do his best
in disposing of heres & settling
& sets me to answer his kind
regards to you. Gregor's letters
on Lake Cop. haven't pleased him &
he fears at the taking the part of
the only Missionary whom he deems
of value of the old Adams & Co
perhaps making it fit in with some
local water tradition - Conte also wrote
briefly he appears to have had a big
orgy in Adelenia the town was also
with the Wilsons when he was there.
Rosa has sold the Adelenia business
to him in Adelenia with his family,
I think that they are to have some
money when she red female relatives
shuffles off. Bud Shaw is in Adelenia
trying to get a remove & all that
is coming down shortly to marry the

Spencer. Moss hasn't touched upon
she is left the Miss I am trying
to get him recruited in his class &
Maddy he promised to do what he can
in the transition. Warren was \$1200
on the Adelenia Cap meeting a week
or two ago. Much to their regret they
have to leave this grand quarter in Lis
Joe Burns wants to leave for me of his
Mrs. Warren talks of buying a piece
property is very cheap in Adelenia just
now. Moss of our side are down with
bad eyes & measles & diphtheria are possible
so the little wife is leaving rather an
unwelcome time. Take care of yourself
old man & love to the kiddies &
kind regards to Mrs. Spencer - I think
see you soon
J.H.G.

PS

Frederic writes that he has
sold the missing horse black
to Hayes for £2:10:0 this
is better than nothing I
will send it to you when
cheque arrives

Jef

Don't forget that Unions
Bank in London (London branch)
to cash our cheques in
Melbourne free of discount or exchange
minus them of this otherwise
they are sure to debit you
exchange kind regards to
French & Jagers

Jef