Clare Sa
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My dear Spencer,

Just a line to let you know how I pulled through the dreaded ordeal of McSofy's visit- up for two nights after his finished discourse. Matters ethnological I enjoyed my stay very much. Hearing talked of further information about the Chooongiga I pointed out that merely stating that the stones were sepulchres of the totems did not throw any light on the subject unless I could get some sort of further information. He would prefer that my notes on the subject be left unaltered.
Afterwards personal relations were rather unpleasant. I should have preferred to have a Conservative friend if someone were to be away on urgent business. But when I began to feel the strain more and more, I perceived, rather than saw the cloud moving, how Cherry influenced the crowd. Seldom any really friendly relations were re-established. He has not as far far as I have seen any manuscripts but--he has continued to build up 400 pages of new matter upon it--very interesting matter in the Clear. Judging from the Chapter dealing with the facts and questions, which I was permitted to read or discuss, the first 400 pages will be written with the same suggestions (on the second draft) one or two things coming in. Then factory work will be added. He has 400--it appears to be--somewhat that is added to some his work, but he appears to how. Though his mind--I do not expect to see more than the other. That book. I don't understand--Can you? He is taking infinite pains and I am very sure that his paper will enhance his reputation very considerably. They notes will appear practically--smaller. They will be sufficiently overshadowed by the usual of the 2, 1, 5, 1, 2 people and not even caring the number of the photographs. A proper I think will them here as the proper group--to save. A cornetose group as if you like at the same dances--a few lines but not the others.
he pressed me very hard but—I did not make a scrap finally. I said, "My mind has been fully made up on the subject. I have reserved all information not already contained in the notes for publication through the Anthropological Society in England." He wanted to withdraw from any holes the paragraphs relating to Lord letting, containing with Lord to deal with them in his own paper, underwriting me as his authority. I objected strongly to the suppression of any paragraphs in my notes, said that of the whole case not to be published in any home. I would prefer to withdraw from the Horn Expedition.
Mitchel, please do precisely what you think best without consulting me. Stirling does not know what plans you have of mine. Tell Mr. Spencer, of those plans, I much regret to hear, that the Green Home was much appreciated in fact. The love she has delighted with one of my purchases I would give hours, if hours are too much you thought to that or anguish dreams matter; generally I should not be able to return to Falmouth and returning to Adelaide tomorrow I shall start for the old place on Tuesday and meantime address all communications to Graham Hotel, City.
I will say that my refusal to supply further information was entirely due to the request of my friend. In answer to your question, I have no doubt that you will soon hear more about the matter. This is all I can say. It is with deep regret that I have been compelled to have to write this.

Yours truly,

[Signature]