

Charlotte Waters

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My dear Spencer

We arrived here from
 Bloods Creek this afternoon, hot
 weary & travel stained the kids
 parboiled to the colour of a
 well cooked lobster. The mail
 leaves here in an hour or
 so & I have just time to
 scribble you a line or two.
 The Laird of St. Vigens, contrary
 to your expectations, did not
 succeed in extracting any information
 from me he is to take charge
 of the Baker & Rouse plates &
 take any lantern slides he
 wishes from them, as none of these
 plates are of any importance
 it does not matter a tropic
 d - n if he takes copies slides of

the lot - The negatives in your possession are not to be used for the purpose and it is after publication, he can then have a set of slides - Of course if you want slides for yourself take them by all means I look upon these negatives as our joint property - You can tell Sterling, if you like, that we are joint owners, you possess your interest by signed notes, or in consideration, of having supplied me with an instantaneous lens & shutter - Before leaving I told him that I thought of lecturing on the Aborigines of Central Australia & illustrating the lecture with lantern slides. I would not surprise me a bit to hear that he

meditated lecturing on my slides, at any rate he must not have the slides until after publication - It would not surprise me to hear that he had withdrawn from the Horn Expedition & published independently in London the entertaining letter feelings against Horn - Tilde my last letter - you will find therein mentioned the plates I would not like to issue with my notes. Surely it is true they are in vogue for London if they are to be engraved there. I do not think it is necessary for Sterling to have the plates he has copies to refer to - Do what you think best in the matter but send him the plates if you can spare it - I shall

that whatever you do is done
for the best - Your letter
with questions reached me in
the train at Fowells Flat
on Friday morning my Brother
luckily noticed it at the
Graham Hotel. I brought it
along otherwise it would have
been delayed until next
mail. I will get to work
on the questions as soon as
I return. Let you have
replyes next mail. Presume
you have kept copy with
corresponding index numbers
so that in replying it will
only be necessary for me to
use the numbers. When do you
expect to send home the
papers on Choringa. It seems it
would be advisable to get it

Away as soon as possible so
 that it may be printed before
 anything Stealing sends ~~home~~
 You spoke some time ago about
 another short paper I'm was
 anxious we should send in at
 once - I shall be glad to know
 what you are doing in the
 matter - When papers are printed
 Can you get me some spare
 Copies? - Before sending any
 of my plates home think
 think you had better get
 duplicates carbon slides made
 from them. I shall resume collecting
 as soon as we get
 home probably but here a
 week it is a great treat to
 be with old Bevan I note
 that he is sending you the
 usual consequence of common

Your descriptions of my adventures
in Melbourne tickled him
immensely - Make just
closing Wds send kindest
regards Remember me to
Mrs Spencer with kind
regards & best wishes

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
De Grey

Dear the old man take
care of yourself We shall
expect you at the Ance
within the year