

Barnett of
Barrow Creek has
requested some
home to buy an
estate in
Ireland
another impulse

Moonta
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My dear Spencer

Let me write as follows "The Hunt & the Dream are originals. Is the Chair seats original? Is the Maniac original or has he seen that too a free engraving in one continuous curved line of the Christ which is a similar rendering of him & is the subject an original or is it an adapted subject in an adapted method. The cartoons I take to be original because if copies he would probably have imitated the technique of the original - Now I right in this last & advise me of the other two. I will go into the matter as soon as I get your reply. I am certainly your debtor. I don't wonder that the man is a poor miner - God help him at mining though I have my doubts whether he would. I think the man started in such honourable employ

Since receiving this I have seen Tordis

who sends me - & I don't doubt him
that all the drawings are abstractly
original except the one in which
you & I appear amongst our future fellow
travellers. He has never seen the Christ engraving
nor has he known anything like the African
the idea occurred to him. The execution
the drawing is a matter of fact he
thinks very little of it compared with
the drawing which I send you under two
envelopes. I am writing this tonight
in reply to his letter & hope to hear
from him shortly. The rest he does
not say much in the way of praise
but it is abundantly clear that he
is pleased. I will write in reply
this week. The Bulletin stands too
oblivious of its old page & Roth
to last Bulletin - By the way I wonder
why he has not sent me a copy
I am afraid I must have afforded
him in Brisbane for he sent copies
of all the others as soon as they
were sent - two volumes of articles
& a separate volume & they state that

Roth is to receive the Order of
Merit a new Order established by
the King to reward distinguished
services of Civil Servants in the Colonies.
Undoubtedly he must have impressed Kingston
but how the case does a thing of this
sort look out. I dare say that information
is good & if he gets it it will
insure his being a permanent one
for no Col Govt would care to withhold
a Dist Service Offer. He is still going
strong in the subject of copying the books
but - large quantities of books had
had a leading article supporting him. In
the three times lately his opponents of Macmillan
and Kingstone have been quoted against more
& in certain party circles I am told
upon an enormous quantity of the book
man & the spirit of the gospel - you know the
sort of humbug -
So you are in the thick of the matter &
the Lord only knows when & how you will get
this letter. The ultimatum of the man on a
piece of Supreme importance is to be

in the history of any part. I cannot see how things are going to end. The Labor people all over Australia are in sympathy with the men & money side. So a Labor MP told me last night - he feared in some all the States perhaps the quickest way to settle the difficulty would be to move off to Sir Joseph Morgan & offer him the Railways for a lump sum. There will always be this danger with State owned Railways a danger no one appears to have foresaw here & in all the other states the men are affected with the Trade Union & they are the strongest financial element in the Labor organizations simply because the men are in constant employment & in receipt of good wages. Moonie is a stronghold of labor & their Parliamentary representatives would ^{probably} spell God Save the King last night the main street was filled with knots of people discussing the situation, cursing Beal & glorifying the actions of the strikers. It is just as well now that you are away from Hammondvale otherwise you might find it difficult to get in & out -

That photo of you is the best you have ever had taken. a really fine likeness with a characteristic look in the face. - Must write a line to Mr. Giles - Love to the girls from my wife -

Yours truly

J.H.G.