

Woola

31st May 1903.

My dear Spencer

Where are you? How are you?
 What have you been up to? Haven't
 heard from you for over a fortnight
 a unique experience. When you last
 wrote the strike had just begun.
 If you took the opportunity possible view
 of the outbreak in Victoria should be
 themselves to their narrow bones.
 About the Lord that at this juncture
 she had at the helm of State a man
 an Irishman with gaily rebel
 coursing through the veins. I think
 I have told you more than once that
 I was a nephew of John Mitchell
 of Victoria - if not of previous
 immortal memory. He was a

How are you? Any hand you written?
in a letter someone about you I hope all
is all the way ~~some~~ I am ~~not~~
for you ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~way~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~
are in ~~vacation~~ ~~time~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
with ~~the~~ ~~girls~~ - We are ~~going~~ ~~along~~
here in ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~old~~ ~~columns~~ ~~you~~
Mining ~~minerals~~ ~~are~~ ~~leading~~ ~~up~~ ~~a~~ ~~bit~~
of a ~~great~~ ~~boom~~ ~~Syndicate~~ ~~has~~ ~~formed~~ ~~to~~
exploit ~~the~~ ~~minerals~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~mountain~~ ~~side~~ ~~has~~ ~~a~~ ~~new~~
law ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~for~~ ~~a~~ ~~time~~. Not a word
of any sort from ~~the~~ ~~bill~~ ~~ever~~ ~~the~~ ~~first~~
letter & I am beginning to think he
has ~~forgotten~~ ~~all~~ ~~about~~ ~~Donner~~ ~~School~~
but I ~~wrote~~ ~~to~~ ~~him~~ ~~again~~ ~~but~~ ~~School~~
is ~~tempted~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~so~~ ~~if~~ ~~I~~ ~~don't~~ ~~hear~~
something ~~soon~~ Did he ~~write~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~after~~
discussing ~~the~~ ~~drawings~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~side~~
to ~~see~~ ~~if~~ ~~we~~ ~~can~~ ~~respond~~ ~~you~~ ~~has~~ ~~we~~
objected ~~to~~ ~~my~~ ~~getting~~ ~~a~~ ~~water~~ ~~right~~
male ~~cytinders~~ ~~reproduced~~ ~~from~~ ~~ideas~~ ~~of~~
Phos ~~reeds~~ I am going ~~to~~ ~~have~~ ~~to~~
be ~~care~~ ~~shortly~~ & there is a ~~small~~ ~~number~~
Now ~~which~~ ~~I~~ ~~could~~ ~~exchange~~ ~~with~~ ~~exactly~~

Cytinders. The ~~last~~ ~~time~~ ~~I~~ ~~wrote~~ ~~you~~
for the ~~big~~ ~~cytinder~~ ~~is~~ ~~one~~ ~~improved~~
by a ~~local~~ ~~type~~ ~~but~~ ~~it's~~ ~~not~~ ~~a~~ ~~good~~
~~idea~~ ~~at~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~ending~~ ~~about~~ -
Has ~~Roth~~ ~~sent~~ ~~you~~ ~~his~~ ~~last~~ ~~Bill~~ ~~yet~~?
I am rather anxious ~~to~~ ~~know~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~
~~how~~ ~~well~~ ~~it~~ ~~will~~ ~~do~~ ~~you~~. ~~Some~~ ~~other~~
~~one~~ ~~Harrison~~ ~~(also~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~ ~~made~~
~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~remembered~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~) ~~was~~ ~~is~~
~~attending~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~hospital~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~City~~ &
~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~hospital~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~City~~
~~took~~ ~~forward~~ ~~to~~ ~~receiving~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
~~to~~ ~~enable~~ ~~him~~ ~~to~~ ~~get~~ ~~back~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~
~~Ranger~~. ~~Some~~ ~~other~~ ~~kind~~ ~~has~~ ~~made~~ ~~a~~
~~reference~~ ~~to~~ ~~self~~ ~~has~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~
~~you~~ ~~to~~ ~~order~~ - ~~the~~ ~~time~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
~~concluding~~ ~~you~~ ~~with~~ ~~reference~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~
~~expansion~~ ~~of~~ ~~some~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Thomas~~
~~legacy~~. ~~See~~ ~~your~~ ~~letter~~ ~~has~~ ~~not~~
~~a~~ ~~smaller~~ ~~request~~ ~~but~~ ~~in~~ ~~a~~ ~~smaller~~
~~scale~~ ~~will~~ ~~you~~ ~~get~~ ~~any~~ ~~of~~ ~~it~~ ~~for~~
~~your~~ ~~Special~~ ~~Department~~? I hope ~~so~~ -
~~Charles~~ ~~Warren~~ ~~was~~ ~~very~~ ~~keen~~ ~~in~~ ~~one~~
~~going~~ ~~down~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~Atlantic~~ ~~Race~~ ~~Making~~

tion in Adelaide being made much
of by everyone even by ~~the~~
the Sheriff that my (wooden) man also
dared not say a word in sympathy
with him during the trial. Our Gov
lets out other similar speeches & does
flout their cowardly neutrality. Now that
the trial is happily over I am full
of sympathy for the men who if handled
with tact & consideration in the first instance
could never have struck sympathetic
particularly with the so called leaders
the members of the Executive who have lost
their all. Every where throughout Australia
public sympathy was with the Gov but
the funny thing is that not one Gov dared
to express sympathy until it was all over
When only the Queensland Gov did so.
Irvine is a splendid fellow & his name
stands out all over the States but I think
he made one awful mistake & that was in
introducing such an impudent & distinctly
Un-British bill to deal with the trial. I cannot
conceive of any body of British Parliamentarians
placing such a bill on the Statute & I don't
for one moment believe that it would have
passed even in your panic stricken Assembly

this I must needs but finances would
 not permit I was he accuses me of
 becoming saturated with Methodist talk
 about Methodism. I am just sending a Capital
 Story in which a Methodist sermon plays
 a considerable part. When I finish I will
 send it along to Dodo. If you have time
 have a look at it yourself. The dialogue
 is exceptionally bright & clever & it is written
 by a Miss Fowler daughter of a great
 Nonconformist of that name.

Do you know Lefferts our new Governor
 Has an idea that you travelled home with
 him once? The great little Samuel will not
 like going up his vice regal robe to a
 plain Mr. I can't for the life of me see
 why we should not have local men as
 State Governors, it would be a sort of great
 prize for men of deserving careers & it
 need not necessarily be given to the Chief
 Justice. From a social point of view May
 felt the position admirably, he spends
 lavishly far more so than Tennyson did
 & the fact of his attaining such a position
 is a splendid object lesson for the rising
 generation. I suppose the little man

wonder why he has never heard
from me about the proposed P.M.
After General Granger is going
to Stump England lecturing on the
Transcontinental Land from Railway the
slides is to be illustrated by 80
slides 25 of which were prepared
from my Negatives. That fact was
100 Negatives to show from
he got the Gov't Photo Lithographer to
print slides off a set of prints
for me they are well done but
not superior to some of mine
Masterpieces
A Cold Sliver is running through
the sands of Commonwealth Civil Servants
who are unfortunate enough to be
Yes & over our Inspector has
called for a return & already
there are numerous to the effect
that several of our old hands will
have to go We are wondering if

Todd will be set aside in which
case I think Waddy must get the
position - Todd obviously prominent
to recommend me for the first subse-
quency over the City & if he goes
I shall miss a powerful friend. No
only hope I have of gaining my boys
a decent education is to get near the
City I shall have to ask to send
them money from here the expense
is more than my slender resources
would bear. Our Public Schools are
well kept up to the standard
standard but they go better further
When the next generation of Teachers
come to run the schools things will be
better for they are being highly
educated & many of them will have
University degrees which will give
them open University training. Our

Education system is a very costly one & there
is just a chance of its breaking down on that
account particularly if a strong Govt opposed
to the system gets into power - already
there are rumblings -

Have you had news of Mrs Spencer
from Colombo I hope she is having a
good time

Do you ever long for the back woods
I have had such a longing today &
would give much to be able to
bring it to The Murchison Range
poor old Kavidji & Co what a
time they had there. I wonder if
we shall ever see any of them
again. One could spend three
delightful months May June & July
digging up traditions & folk lore in
The Murchison - What close work

Love to the girls

Ever
Yrs ever
J.H.