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My dear Spencer

I am more than delighted to hear that Dodo had read Isaac Carnaby & I shall now send her another book - without making enquiry I had never heard of the book until I dropped across it a few weeks ago & it struck me as being a remarkably clever production. I can quite understand the Author never again reaching the same standard she put her all into it. Many thanks for Dodo's very interesting letter I enjoyed it immensely & am returning it to you herewith. I feel sure that the reconstructions theory will be found amongst those with maternal descent it only wants looking for in the proper way. There will be no difficulty in getting as the Heroplane & I think the best place to tackle them would be from the Peak Station to the ~~road~~ Eastward of which there must exist to many members of the tribe. Hence the manager there is

the old friend of mine a fine fellow
and English gentleman who has his
Ancient hall to Edward the Emperor, the
is of the old English family of Hastings
- We could depend upon his assistance
& as he has always been good to the
Natives he could put us in touch with
them. It would perhaps be better if we
could get at them in the vicinity of
Gama Coast they are the Sultan a few miles
from Mollom Creek which is a more central
position. Therefore the better would not be
likely to ~~be~~ ^{be} have them ~~delight~~
in contact with the ~~Arabs~~
The only objection to this place is that
the blacks have been more in touch with
the whites. The railway line runs here in
the South. The Lower Luvuvu we could
get at Todmorden 70 miles from Port Adelaide
Breadwin (late Parby) Station, if we confine
ourselves to Subshanna Riverbank & a few
miles line of enquiry there no doubt we
could do a great deal in three months or less.
Less. What we should do before starting is to prepare
a programme & stick to it. Reading Day has
little has made me very keen again and
I would give much to see old Lang in the
Anthropologist field. The Post is in the

was say an immense find it really would
not be worth while going there unless
we could do it at least in months
to it. If we miss fortmills in getting
a locality to visit in no night do
an immense amount of work in that
time. The thing would be to get on
to an established but fair Station on
the coast. The Natives have been fairly busy
these months to some extent. Station work in
N.A. - I don't know what you say about
N.A. & when the time comes I will
be sure to visit you. If I could only
depend upon getting away from here
in a couple of years I should be satisfied.
Poor Kingston! featureless & a hell
in a China shop! featureless because
he has the courage to go straight ahead
doing what he believes to be right.
But in a China shop because he
has no other if not abundant business
to show to respect or at any rate comply
with the law. That is always a cruel
quality & one that means to its
possessor an easy passage through life

but is often the mark of the ready
shuffler & is rarely found associated
with a candid & honest honesty. Such do
I have often heard you extol. To a
man who can never say no, who
desires to be all things to all men
his friends speak of him as "full of
tact". That is Deakin's great characteristic
(Mind I believe him a thoroughly good
man) & where has it led him? He is
never quite candid, he practices "the
soft answer that turneth away wrath"
& the consequence is that no one knows
where he is, no one takes him quite
seriously as a politician, he is all words,
soft words, tactful words, & though he is
perhaps the most cultured & intellectual
force in the Cabinet he merely forms
its tail. If he had less tact & more
guts he would lead Australia today.
Tact is a useful even an attractive quality
but I press ten thousand times the blunt-
transparent honesty of Charles Cameron &
Long may he wave -

On the whole I agree with you about
the Public Service & its relation to the

about I have been dead against the action of
 the ~~Stoubers~~. But I certainly would be no
 party to making a State a criminal
 matter. The proposed Bill would have been
 a disgrace to our Statutes a more stringent
 or retrograde measure could not have emanated
 from a Russian Council of State let alone
 a Democratic form of Govt. It would
 have placed in the hands of Govt a more
 dangerous power & it would mean practical
 enslavement for the public Servants. The
 fault was not all on the side of the
 men in the late State they had some
 measure of provocation they were subjected
 to a galling system of fine prices they
 were certainly not fairly dealt with as
 instance the withholding without Parliament's
 authority of their incomes which I see
 by yesterdays paper have now been paid
 to them. Beasts blustering & bullying method
 were calculated to goad any self respecting
 body of men to meeting though this
 perhaps does not excuse the men it
 mitigates their offence for which after all
 they will be the principal sufferers. I
 can quite understand perfectly

could beaded now by my speaking only
in the Administration endorsing that
in return and don't think you will
not with your usual profusion when you
will supply the term "miscreant" to
Edward Tallian at Missionary
and their indignantly and faithless man had
before printed and inked their indignity
and they will know me and my wife then
and opinions, have shown my confidence
in your country which would have
in the Administration on the other side they were
satisfying in the past quality fact was
they are miscreants and they are small
the most ignorant man I had respect
as the board to find a particular expression
I would never believe Teaching I have seen
in your case far as this is concerned
in Salisbury you can't imagine how I
will delight and him in the most
for a long splendid experience as you know
removal of him but if influence always
bateful where Ireland Holy Ireland is
concerned in an administration they say please
showing the people and men here in
The new Land Bill is a bill that

would never have seen the light with
in the Cabinet at such a state that as
the in the way of the House of Commons. One
the hand is in possession of the
opinion of the Lord that could not long
before the fact in the hands of an
and that is the case. It is a great light
in regard to some of the more than a
would not quite so much by the way of
in what is called the practical opinions
of his countrymen. Heron's again
Heron! ~~But~~ ~~Parsons~~ ~~prophecy~~ ~~will~~
what he has done and I think and I think
has done and I think and I think
it is a participation in this I think
I think in the same way. I think
it is a participation in this I think
he would not have seen the light with
the House of Commons. One of the
I think in the same way. I think
that they are either necessary or so. I think
or one admitted in English words in the
terms or shall be printed in foreign words
the long suffering English working man
will pay the paper - poor working man

According to a recent author, 11 millions
of the English people are in a chronic
state of semi starvation. As for the
state increasing wages I don't for one
moment believe that the British manufactur-
ers will be benefited by C's proposals
would increase the wages of the workers
It is not doubt that many of the millions
are inefficiently fed at the present price
of food under present conditions; The
food stuffs the Colonies pour into England
is a mere flea bite compared with that
that goes from America & even from Russian
Siberia so food must go up - What do
you think of recent Racial Statistics?

We are living in an age of Racial
Suicide & the one country in the
world that has not housed the vipers
in its bosom is Ireland. Ireland
will keep the Empire's flag aloft when
there are no longer Englishmen to man
the ships; for this reason if for no other
you English should bend her to your
with the strongest links of affection

brought by Tardy justice - instead of
the steel treads of Cruelty injustice
& oppression which have held us
together for the last ~~one~~ Centuries.

I'll add a line or ^{two} brought the mail
might bring something from you.

Evening I rather thought there
would be a line from you by
today's mail & I was not disappointed
the proposal to go north on a
flying trip came as a great
surprise to me & I need hardly tell
you that Bardie is willing. In view of
Lang's statements it would be nothing
short of a crime to ~~do~~ ^{leave} the work
undone, & publish our books without
settling the point one way or the other,
that is shall find *Intellektuella* & *Prinzipialisten*
or some form or other. I feel certain
& if I am in error I shall never
venture an opinion on our Antrop
problem again. The way the movement
may in which you talk of spending £100
but a cold shiver down my back the
trip can be done for £30 or at the very
outside £35 especially if as I should

The London Railway means you will
find us over the Railways. The trip
cannot be done in less than 20 days
to ~~there~~ we should go to Narva
& there across to the Peab. Station
was crossed by Redman. They found
Grand Kempt. The train from Adelsö
for ~~the~~ by ~~the~~ you can leave ~~the~~
a fortnight earlier that you state we should
leave to leave Adelsö on the 21st August
reach the Peab. for Narva sailing on
the 5th & return to Adelsö by the
train leaving Adelsö on the 20th reaching
Adelsö on the 22nd. This would give us
time alone for ~~the~~ with the Black & if
you & I cannot find out much of not
all that we want to know in the time
we have to be done with that
distinguished friend Mr. Matthews. I have
written off to Kempt in ~~the~~ the
most kind & affectionate manner - saying
that we can get together in a few of the
the men I found in camp somewhere
for the year or so near to the head of the
which is about 17 miles East of
Narva. Also if he can arrange to meet

in & money as, with our belongings, to the
Chion camp I find us in need of
Necessary stores while we are working with
the Men. I told him that we could
of course pay all expenses. He is a
good chap & I shall be greatly surprised
if he does not show every disposition to
help us. For reasons which I shall explain
when we meet I would visit me ^{much} better if
you could get away in time to leave Adelsö
on July 20th (train for Adelsö leaves
Monday next 7 July) in which case
we should return by train leaving Adelsö
on August 6th. I do not think there will
be any fuss about my leave I am entitled to
18 days exclusive of Sundays & holidays there on
^{two or three} days due to me for overtime work.
I told today that you entertained me at
night you forgive me for a trifle and
shop & I am afraid that he rather wants
my things which work although he is very
careful not to say so. Perhaps if you write
him a line mentioning your proposal &
saying that you hoped that he would be
able under the circumstances
to send him to ~~the~~ I might feel that
rather in fact if you don't mind.
Thank

Think you had better do so. All that we shall
require to take from Adelaide is our snags
a few lbs of cheap tobacco now procurable at 3/-
per lb & a small hamper of tinned
meat for emergencies. When you have come
to a final decision let me know at once
Kemp's reply should reach me by wire
about the end of next week perhaps earlier
if he happens to come to Narriana for the
winter kindly. I shall be glad to have
a look through Lang's work & will return it
by post as soon as I have read it. We
shall have to take with us from here a
copy of the old book some Churenga &
perhaps one or two sacred things to show the
old man. The idea of being again with
you out back quite me with pleasurable
thrills. I am longing to see you if
only to get a little chattering about
I asked Kemp to explain to the Maggus
the nature of our mission of our work
of which they already have an inkling I mean
one particular old man an old friend of
mine whom I hope the Lord will render
unto our hands. Now I must close

I am afraid I have affected you a bit
greater length than I have any right to do
but never mind
I remain
Yours ever
H. G.

My estimate of the cost
is I estimate a very
liberal one