

Moonta -

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My dear Spencer

No I haven't the faintest ghost
of an idea of the meanings of the
words you mention & I don't think the
Natives could enlighten us any more
than they could about the Elara names
I have never had much faith in Kempe
since I found that he translated alchera
into God. Probably taturatara = hell
was coined after he had explained the
lovely doctrine of eternal punishment by
fire; the word you doubtless noticed is
made up of the word for twice repeated
It would be interesting to know how
he accounts for the origin of Intalingia
scriptures which is partly made up of
the word lingua to walk about - perhaps it
was coined after he had been describing to
them the wanderings of the Children of Israel
I am glad you had a good time
with the Celts though. I rather wonder they
didn't murder you for referring to my
ancestor Brian Boru as a mythic personage.
- Since it is impossible for you to get away
before the 29th July let us make up our minds

The funny thing is that the English
Governing Classes never will understand or at
any rate they will never admit that Ireland
knows anything about her requirements, that
what the Irish want is good for them.
This is the great fundamental mistake
a mistake based upon your (i.e. the Eng.)
arrogant belief in your own superiority
if not infallibility. Thus you create &
keep alive a never ending source of irritation.
You give Ireland Parliamentary Representation
in name only for you never by any
chance permit her representatives to
legislate for her in things great or
small. You look about the generosity
of the English & the Ingratitude of the
Irish: if you seriously believe that
ingratitude is a characteristic of the
Irish then your conclusions differ vastly
from those of Thackeray & Charles Gordon
who studied & knew the Irish people.
You seem to think that the Irish
have reason to be grateful to England.
Grateful for what? Gratitude implies
a favor conferred & when, pray, has
England conferred a favor on Ireland?
There is not in the whole connection
between the two countries from the
time

to leave Adelaide on the 3rd of August
I have no doubt you will be able to
get some details some satisfactory
arrangement about the girls. Mr. Wright
is handy & I expect you know that the
girls like him & do not have any
objection. I should not like the responsibility
of going up alone unless you were
going in company. I feel sure
we can accomplish a great deal
alone. I should be in an element of
fact I should be in an element of
fact. If you are free on the 5th you will
be Mr. McEwan on the 3rd evening
Adelaide on Friday the 3rd. The date upon the
afternoon of going down. Friday afternoon we
could embrace Jenkins & me at two o'clock
& on Saturday morning we could purchase
the few things necessary. When writing
Kemp & asked him to arrange for the girls
to meet us at a camp & I told him that
we should want to be there tonight & the
camp I will write again as soon as I
hear from him. I say that it is absolutely
essential that we should have them to
the effect of attempting. The Pirrangore
has now will be, I think, the most difficult
to deal with as the Blacks has been so
much in contact with white since the

opening of the railway in 1850 as you
are in a position to say definitely that
you will be in Adelaide on the 3rd. I believe
I have & I will at once apply for leave the
days instead of 14 days which is not correct
It is important that I should have early to be
able to catch the next boat of my subordinates

I think I told you that I thought of -
It hold on here a wire coming from
Kemp - He writes as follows "Letter
received all you wish for can be arranged
I shall be in Adelaide July 11th
probably return with you with the next
mail" This is satisfactory next mail
leaves on July 6th & before that date we shall
know things for definite - I presume I
think I told you that I thought of trying to
But in my last, it is excellent but I
do not go quite far enough in one or two
directions. It has not followed the re-
commendation of the Royal as clearly as
was expected probably because he had to
make concessions to some necessary members
of the Cabinet. The British party
are fighting for the recommendation of
the Committee which is an example of fine
white men of all nations of politics &
because they fight they are for ever in dispute

since of the murderous Elizabeth down
 to our own Times a single instance of
 a generous ^{spontaneous} political act on the part of
 the English towards Ireland. Irishmen, the
 best of their race, have died on the scaffold
 rotted in gaols, worn out their hearts &
 their tempers trying to hammer into the
 dull English mind the account of justice
 of reform but no reform has ever been
 conceded unless the Nation was worked up
 into a state of semi-rebellion. There has
 been no determined & honest attempt to
 remedy grievances, the policy all along has
 been Repress Repress Repress. This Bill is
 no exception to the rule for like all
 others of its kind, it follows upon a
 period of agitation on one side &
 brutal repression on the other; the deafening
 of the people & the imprisonment of their
 Parliamentary representatives = Grateful indeed!
 The Irishman who tells you that he feels
 gratitude in his heart to England is a base
 ingrate, a soulless scab with a coward's heart
 who if you smote him on one cheek would
 readily turn the other. It really is funny.
 When the English people concede a political
 right when they concede justice bare & bald -
 which every individual honest man is always

and proposed to have they say themselves in
the case that they are in possession of
their names that they are not to be
made criminals otherwise should the
protesters from the home tops. You compare
the Irish with the Bess - I am not sure
that I am ashamed of the comparison
he is a gallant chap, give to the cons -
who are also wanting in the grade
I send for the life of us all there
they have shown my release or for
what they have to be grateful; if
much that is whispered by released
contingents be here they have taken
leave to take us. Put yourself in
their place to you extremely thank
that you are a Boy you would
be filled with gratitude to the Congress
not you in the English mind you to
mind the Boy the history of his
and Congress let them protest as much as they
and a little to the contrary the only hope
for South Africa is a large infusion
of British blood. Were you Great
you would be more intensely Nationalist
then I am for while I hate the
English misgovernment I love the people
I am proud to think that I am

the history of the Congress is
the same story. Grant Day
Do get that idea about sympathy
out of your mind red fellow, you
may not be aware of it but it is
the same hundred and thousands
long before you had ever been with
these unscrupulous politicians have been
to make them sound innocents for
every political wrong they had explained
upon the dis-honourable Congress. There
is nothing generous about the Bill
for if it passes in its present form
England does not sacrifice a single
bauble in fact if the perpetual embargo
clause is retained she will reap a
pecuniary harvest for all eternity.

Have you read Tolstoy's Resurrection of
not get it. It is a marvel to me
that any Russian, living in Russia, should
have the energy to write such a book.
Just one more word Home Rule is
coming & coming quickly & in a few years
the only chance we shall have against
England is that we have no general
alibi — Spain we must not let fight
for them

Now having received my answer
I'll return yours by clearing
Love to the Ladies I thank you

Yrs ever

J.H.G.

P.S. Of course you'll bring
the little Camera & a few
plates. It would be nice to
have at least one or two
ceremonial records - And
bring your pen

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