

Moonla

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My dear Spencer

Yours to hand today also
 the first instalment of proofs which
 I was delighted to see in good excel-
 lent print. Davidson's address is J. H. M.
 Davidson Manager New York Import
 Company King Horn St Adelaide I think
 his "Edisonia" Establishment collapsed.
 Some time ago he wrote informing
 me of the change in his address &
 enquired if we were disposed to
 let Prof Middleton of Cambridge
 who is a collector of ethnologic records
 have some of ours. I understood that
 the request came to him through his
 Brother in Law who is a friend of
 Middleton. It replied at once that we
 were not at present disposed to let
 anyone have copies of the records.

Do you know that Davidson is a son
of Prof Davidson one time holding a
chair in Adelaide University?

Prof Gregory's opinion of Kempas strikes
hardly the value is sent to me - Kempas
may hate the Station but if he does he
has a very curious way of showing it
for a famous man to the backs on the
plate in the old days I never knew.
I quite believe that he has a contempt for
them especially since they came in contact with
the Railway Line and brother there ~~was~~ he
considered ~~an~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~country~~ ^{township} but I am
sure he will do all he can to keep so
he & I have very close friends in years gone
by so I know something of his sentiments
In both my letters I have told him that

we must have the Niggons equally to
ourselves. The only thing I am afraid of
is that he will want us to stay at the
Station & that is just what we want to
avoid if possible. If we can get the Niggons
with no stay & night for a week we can
accomplish much more if we spend our
evenings at the Station I would be so
much time wasted

Today I rec'd notice that my train was
granted 22 days excursions of Sundays
I am hoping to hear in your next that
you've granted - You must have

Melbourne not later than Friday there
is no train on Saturday & if you
possibly better you speak of leaving
on that day & teaching Town on Sunday
morning. I shall put up at the La
Gale Hotel & then to keep a room for you
I'm afraid my ordinary horse is not
quite fit for you! It doesn't suit me but
I have to put up with it in the

I am glad you met Monaghan the
Count de Varga He is on a world tour
of inspection for the purpose of furnishing
the Pope with a report on the condition of
the Church. I fancy he is a Jesuit but am
not sure. You do not say whether you like
him or not.

Yes I've been approached that I
but the Golden Myndolts would not have tempted
me they are lovely birds but their eggs are too
small I'd be glad to get rid of mine &
substitute brown Leghorns - The buff Buffingtons are
fine birds but I don't think they are opening
good layers. You really ought to get some
decent chickens they are delightful to look at
& would afford you no end of amusement
with an expenditure of say £20 you could
start with a nice little lot of say a dozen
birds perhaps I go to Melbourne you and I
passed me with a pair of you on a rainy
Open is my nearly slight again &

is brought as a button. Eddy has been
in bed for a week with some feverish
complaint but is now on the mend
& I am thankful to say the Doctor
cleared him up yesterday.

Will you bring rags from Melbourne
or shall I get you a pair in
Adelaide. It will be decided well
out in the open & one rag would
not be sufficient. Bring your campstool.
If you do not leave Melbourne on
Thursday I shall purchase equipment on
Friday ~~morning~~ afternoon. The shops will all
be shut Sat^y afternoon.

Isie Martin has recd a big London
appointment decidedly a compliment to the
Melb University but this hardly reconciles
upon to his loss. You don't say
a word about Mr Spencer my wife
is anxious to have news of her

Must close now

Love
Yr. ever

J. G.