Villa Springs
6th May 1877

My dear Spencer,

Ross words as you can well imagine were liberally handled when we discovered that all our most important letters had been left behind even the wife departed from her usual composure and reasonableness letting loose her hair and proceeding to destroy some unoffending hairpin. What on earth caused the postal authorities to depair from the usual custom?

I am afraid for the life of me I cannot understand any more friends post on Thursday consequently we got
none of the letters be most value

Henry Balfour Curator of Ethnographical
Dept University Museum Oxford wrote
me a most encouraging a quite a long
letter he says my paper is extremely
valuable because it "gives us an idea behind
the scenes" he urges me to write

a monograph upon the McDoucel
Range letter - fancied me writing a
monograph jumping McDoucel! the
photos he promises highly regrets
that they haven't been able to

secure a more extensive arrestment
of native Aboriginal tribal ceremonies
then be depth goes in a plea
for contribution of implements from
that region - The Anthropological
Great Britain and Ireland sent me a
most enchanting book "Notes & Queries
on Anthropology" edited for the Institute
by J.G. Garroon M.D. & C. Morenes Reid
on second thought I have decided to send the book on to you to
you can look through it return by post. You will receive a great
budget of Achelpos love in separate
registered enclosure. Providence seems
to work in our favor (Serina had
induced Adams to find the much
coveted 15000 for the film hop)
for just in the nick of time
an ancient Thera infant arrived from
100 miles back who was conversant
with two paths of the Achelpos.
You will find the bales very
tough I perhaps a lot of needless
repulsion but being mortally busy
why was this? I had to call
them off as quickly as possible.
There also occurred these two
ceremonial structures one connected
with a place called Jbara on
For present (Column III) part of
the Achiepa - Achicpa tolan
is one of Haadha frama
(towen in same locality see
holes and one Kasacama of
Utusaculera which I have not
seen before - you will gather
from the notes that the two
Kasacama women who went
to Porameina came from a
place near Utusaculera where
they opened up - you will see
photos in separate enclosure.
I don't all the places, I though
you were likely to acquire, by
Carlo, who will bring them thus
to Melbourne from Cordova.
If you want any others just
let me know I'll see them
along by post. The Achicpa
book is the first one Anthrop
from. I have come since you left
I enjoyed it immensely and eager
to receive your letter. I get at
the question contained therein. I
was surprised to learn from you
Adelaide that you had completed
three chapters of the magnum opus
(See dictionary!) and I am especially
anxious to see how that has dealt with
the great Churinga question which
surfaced up in a bush sheik appears
to be. I am sure the churning
plant, then the Churinga. Then the
Alchurunga man who in his turn
became Churinga. From whom for
all eternity. incarnation of the
original springs up. Those
Alchurunga men whose names have
been handed down in connection
with certain locations. The tree
Boy Kardapadap for instance who
Being up at Lucinda may be termed the ancestry of the cubs. Whole shores are spoken from Churunga; not especially mentioned in the traditions may be seen. The plebeians others cannot be two living representatives of the alcove, a man when a man does he in done with he is not incarnated but the alcove from whom he emerging is reincarnated again and again. If a woman concurs at Impey's Bar for instance, may two accidents made were best here — only one of whom is represented by a living man, the father of the child is naturally conscious that his child shall be a distinguished man. The old men are approached, Hugo decides that the boy in the incorrupted alcove is acceptable. The
Especially remembered. A Churning man appears
to me to be the beginning of a division
into a superior-inferior class, at
all the ceremonies, it is the alchurangas
man who spring up or eat down
who is personated. We hear very little
of the ordinary hand of fife who spring
from those Churning. There must of
Course he omits Churning for this
reason, only a limited number of men
are especially recorded in traditions, none
of whom may have a living descendant
other children may be concerned. They
must have an origin, then the
Churning of the Alchuranga man steps
in & such children would spring from
those Churning. I think your theory
understandable. That all the Alchuranga men
who spring up or eat down had
Churning. Some are spoken of as
having large quantities, each Akelspa
man.
dropped along the line of route had several Churingas all women who had Quebrada Mandra kar... including one had Churinga 15-20 in.

It is the old man alone who decides whether a child is. Their conceptions of some special individual may sometimes affect an air of great mystery lasting months or even years to decide. When going through my relics a notice please remind me that the class names written in boarders are the actual classes to which the ancestors or men's descendants now living or to arrive would belong. You will gather from the note that this condition must show regularity very hard. I think a special mention should be made of this disease. Sycosomes occasion is next...
truth left I found that I had forgotten to enclose his German note or simply a hearing last.
and it in his letter also where of head mentioned in our letter. 
I am also enclosing letter returning received from Egloninn. The thin
area he mentions is that referred to by Schliemann as Phocias by
the way. Among reasons to the light or furry colour of hair amongst
some of these natives that he evidently
did not study them much or he
would have noticed that it is
always associated with height extended
skin. Do you remember the great
Eugenia's
bust? She had very light hair, then
the lightness of skin is most noticeable
on the bodies, instances of light hair
rare in less common here than it is
along the Hugh River and Cape Land.
For samples of legal have brought to me by Corliss. He sent a word here & was in splendid form — and after his capture if Beathie could be brought it was a magnificent piece of work — for trade he backed them with bulldog persistently much of the time without meat, & a very slender allowance of damper. I am especially proud of his success because I have always argued that none offenders could be captured without armed to enemies; when the old depelen the innocent were often shot down while the guilty were allowed to escape. I have written the Comman of Police & the Minister stating my appreciation of Corliss work. I hope they
They will reward him handsomely to come down to my own province. Private affairs I must tell you that the Government here offers me the position of Resident Journalism at St. Augustus as a salary of £100 per annum, to begin next year. Kingston tried me direct asking if I would accept the position but on account of our work for other reasons I declined with friends my wife would have liked me to accept so that I found it difficult to say no but I am determined that nothing short of desperate ill-health will drag me away from these struggles in the own work through the press, in my reply to Kingston, I stated that I could not.
At present accept any precise
other would accredit my removal
this between ourselves. Longdom
communication was confidential.
In your Adelaide note you state
that you will have nearly the
whole of book written by next
mail if this is so you must
have looked material down with
a vengeance or you have been
working like a steam hammer.
It will be a difficult matter to
word up the wanderings of the
Eula. There are no people of that
sort about here at present. The
Mission did not travel at all. They
sprang up real down altogether at
Imanda — is on the Assel at the
Blad Crossing Hugh River at a spot
called Annigallia — Imanda properly
speaking is the name of a boy
hill near the road crossing but the
Australasian in the immediate vicinity
is called Imanda. The Oraumakela
Country of the Uepallewa is confined
to a strip along the bed of the
Creek (though River) called Atningatvia
the Uepallewa have always been the
leading people in the locality
and claims the great frog, Karlaputapa,
by name, who was leading the
Singwira Ceremony when the
Achulpas passing joined in.

You will remember Jacob's highly
elaborate personal account of the
great frog. Jacob's father was,
by the bay, the reincarnated
Karlaputapa, minus the huge
penis - the great Jacob is an
Etwia. The reincarnated son of an
Etwia who in the afternoon a
spring up at a place called...
Prokino on the Hugh for 9
miles north of Bad Crossing
Note the frogs lived upon
Mungurra. The Unchipora of
whom we heard so much at
the Ingurra or (small balls) springing
up along the Northern bank
of the Hugh Entilhivara (opposite
to the Unchipora) at Bad Crossing
where they occupied a strip of
country I situated upon Amunga
(common flies) from here they
travelled away on - approximately
an east north easterly bearing
passing a place called Entilhivara
and finally cutting down altogether
at Arata in Sand-hill country
four or five days ride from
Bad Crossing. These places were
visited by a former owner of Mr
Burness who is no longer in the
Country nov reason to any other white man - they traveled aboard gums and on foot and established Kannaharraba on route. The Eldiniovaa (Magadamera peer) opened up on southern bank of Hugh to separate the Uncheepia where they occupied a strip of country called Toalekilleke. They subsisted on Inarlainga (Schedra) 9 after the Uncheepia departed they assumed a wings & mornning high into the sky followed by the Uncheepia to Artata where they remained. I wish you would send me a copy of the notes we got from Jim about the opium man at the moon and about some old fellow yelling down men in the air by pointing his churning Tom has gone the Droma or only known where it 1
find you not copy the nodes into my book. I would like to hear
these notes because they might
lead me on to further similar
information. To give the everlasting
anthropology a real many thanks
for the apples which arrived in
splendid condition, not one had
one amongst them, the sides did
disagree them. So did his little
Jack, sings your praises, saying
Amrita fessa, Priá, consort him
and Professor Jack not fessa. Jack
prefers his run on to remain
fessa gone Chappie - asturina chappie.
They are contentedly talking about
Chappie on every letter girl in the
picture book is Chappie to whom
I send little Dorothy please
your love. Dolly received her
headache by mail. I was highly
Delighted I believe she is making a necklace for your girl—Your trip should be with you ere now—What a difference in your holidays.

I suppose she has tried an awful amount of ready sympathy upon you on account of your dreadful experience amongst the Indians. I hope she has returned well and strong, that she left her home friends in good health—our old friend the Obevabala approached me in a mysterious manner this evening after recovering a little. He did not inform me as a whisper that in a pecunary time he was going to make banana-cane in Tehuacan, at which he means
me to attend but a duck arrived.

I couldn’t miss it for £50 I knew.

I enquired description and wanted
you together with photographs.

Come brought in several Chewunga
seeds of Sugar and Poisoned Root
Mungga and tomatoes also one of the
Red Bird Tomatoes on which in
addition to the usual concentric
patterns there were squares one within
another one.

This marbling is
entirely new to me and I asked
him to let me have the seeds
so that I might make inquiries he
would not give it to me (between
ourselves he does resent my returning
those Chewunga to England)

This from his manner I must say
one or two things he let four after
the Second Monday!) he has taken

all the Seals down there and he
Arribated between you Stirling &
Mence Cocked him to take
The Bell Road to you pointing out
that in Stirling's hand it would
not appear more rare than the
ordinarily worked Churinga, he
had also an interesting article
"Dhiningi" used for magic purposes
by native Kads who are half Zululga
half Arama. I got all the
information I could about it from
the prisoners kindness (it was
found in possession of a prisoner)
& photographed it with other articles
used for Magic Purposes. You
will find information amongst my notes
& you will see photo referred to this
arrangements of magic articles makes
a rather interesting photo so I have
sent on the scale with others you
will doubtless note the difference
in
between the two Ochunwes a beautiful
Erochadienna (dead man's hair
knot) - the Wariamung a trade
their magic knots. She led them down
through the tribes. They alone process
the secret of making this article &
incising it with its invisible poison.
She then crept here shudders at the
sight of it - you will find your
uncles friend amongst the mails
of her. She transformed into my dream
last week for the first time since.
The Bignuna - one of the four
questions he asked was Thienza
Nikiida. Where is the young one,
that's you! Your full designation
is Sibina Nikiida the young stomach
I conveyed several messages from
you to him from your photographs.
He conveyed a message from the
Ukabupbusin Chief to the effect that
When he had secured sufficient Candalsha he would come in to perform Gadawa Eringsha. There has been a mortal dearth of Candalsha since the Lehenga ceremonies. They don’t altogether like the Naparh Latabahin. Legs wanted to know what the old Schampa said to you on your return, several of the men have made some idea anyway. I’m a letter from old may mind as to whether I’ve always held the same views. I’ve come across to know what the old Schampa said. He hadn’t given me news. The good manners to acknowledge my paper—perhaps they were like some other men—too busy to be polite. The beg collected thr
This is almost fall & there's
packed it up and am sending it
on to Fortuity by mail. Tells
me he will send it nearly
as cheaply as the ordinary couriers
and in any case I thought it
was to arrive on the same train
on Canals where it would require
so much handling. Have added
a few Phas. c. canda & since
this mail - will send Fortuity to
send it on by mail from T
should reach you with the
Negatives. Will and you came
to Australia shortly, I hear you came but
I am keeping it in case the old
fellow with the Sam Fowden's.
shove them up - there must be many
hundreds of ceremonies in the books
for each Aboerima, many whose name
is preserved in tradition has a special
Ceremony I hope to get many more within the next twelve months. Holy Alborough, what a collection I could get together! Providence would only moretell me in the right direction, happy thoughts. I must by another sound this mail using the name of the great Alborough, Fogg Hartaputapa — by the way I see by paper that my friend Father Markell's of the Daly River mission is on Adelaide. In very delicate health he has been under some serious operation in Sydney; perhaps it is just as well that he is abroad during the coming expedition. I am to visit him there, going into the Mission Station. The thought of being able to spend a month near Markella on the Daly makes me think of a thoroughbred as the starting point.
I told Cooks something of my desire to
be suggested that I should like the
rise down country and the way to
to spend a few months with him
in the Western Country. I would not
care to do this, my ambition, as you
know, is to establish a record of the
river sight through the continent from
the settled districts in the South to
the settlements on the Northern Coast.

It's a funny world, if I had heaps
of money, I suppose I would look
upon such ambition as utter futility.
You more than anyone else are responsible
for having developed this peculiar form of
madness. Sometimes try to explain
to my wife how much such a trip
would mean. She hates the idea of it
and comforts herself with the assurance
that I shall never have the necessary means.

Wooden journal — I shall from beginning
I must write and thank him for it. What do you think of it? Which of the two maps will be adopted by God? I hope it will be adopted. If it is, I must say something on the subject. The people will think that he has made no reply to Wrenn's charges. Those who read the journal will think that he has acted nearly. How does and feeling feel about the Kuddinga robbery will add a line tomorrow. We have all the chance of stopping here. The Akitipa Col I between Therierita and Achipa Ethinda? I can see no chance of getting them just now. Good night. Would give something to be able to join you in a Railway. I hope the two Aangamba women who journeyed from the mountains to Toromuna were of Juma class and named Abmoara and Uphoria.
his descendant of others living last
descendant of later died two months
ago -

One of the Afang and Usongo carried
by Railiwhara are Zericomp

I don't know some

holes in the marriage of Tchipa

where the language was changed
the classes were upset in Tchipa;

prisons to changing language only
four classes existed out the Athanomelalwipa

did this to that the people might more
easily recite their relationships.

I have just received a very
cordial note from Sterling and

am sending him a bundle
of photos which will gladden
his heart and give him an

example of how women nurses have
been treated during the last three
years. I have heard them tell
The fruits... had not just one of his own hands, and other ones, and is to the measure. Their uncle... work in the garden. By gadd how a greasy old of day as the door openning... all over his face. Talking. Anda quaba... pitchumi. You quaba... come... I must again... a poem. A decided... interesting ceremony. Achipa... of arapara... Furthermore, by next mail... note. On her 12th... Quaba... Ngambo... of utwuwulwa... you have not filled in name of place in... hotel... Quaba... Frelia... with... big head decoration... is of... Ikia... Quab (Amuntwiyila)... Ngambo... beg Uvulanja... maker two... decorated figures... with group... is of... Utwuwulwa...Lesson before your arrival... Quab... ngambo... Chindanga... is of... content...
columns we have about a dozen of Arapana near 8th I see note. This appears to have been introduced by Aurupa at Arapana on her own hand column II, by a third man. From this is represented the Arapana column along by another. Note: Urachipama mentioned in Arupa Ward emings column II is 17th hand of 15th. I have no reason to believe there is a still more Western column but there is very little hope of getting any information about it. Ceremony today connected with Col II aurupa for decorated young men eating unusual bread, praying about there will be the accompanying men as they are supposed to be out in the course feeding by things they return to camp where an old man is cutting down
with Burntwood. He performed another upon them the who now the head of the party. Adiebowen. Otherwise Dodge has sent the Redder to a mission crew, she packed them up herself through them to me. I suggested that she should send a paper passenger. She replied. "The autumn long a Briant Wells is lying here down for 15/-." a very reasonable figure. I spoke how I must write in a few lines to Stanley it has been too awful terrible to get through in this wind. Incessent of my time was taken up over the central Achelopon. My very recent remembrances to your wife tell her that if the Northern man ever comes off. I shall have the greatest care of you. My wife is learning...
or in my estimation. It was the days in which I still hope to see this wife. His wife died last year, her name was "Rita." She was all regard of good wishes. I was not in that state of falling. We did not want you to do any harm to her, for she was a dear friend to me. I have been through some very difficult times. I have been very close to Melba. She was very kind to me, and she even helped me during some of the toughest times. She was a very kind and caring person. She always had time for me and I always had time for her. She was a very important person in my life. She was my dear friend.