Alice Springs
30th July 1897

My dear Spencer,

There just passed up a registered 50 or more p. of manuscript and am heartily glad to get it off my mind. I nearly boxed myself to get the journal notes copied out before the mail arrived knowing that there should be a long, I query on rails. The line has been delayed two or three of my officers were away so that I had very little time for writing. Fortunately the melancholy came on the evening of the day after.
When the ceremony was concluded, had I occurred one day earlier, I could not have witnessed the closing scenes. When the mail arrived with only your letter I flung around furiously. The postal authorities in Adelaide in answer to my inquiries elicited that they held two regaleant packets from Melbourne addressed to me, but posted too late for last mail. Always remember that regaleant packets require to be in at least an hour before letters if you have a monthly postal guide you will find the exact time stated therein. Cars arrive at Othladder last train. The is bringing on my mail when he arrives at the Charleston I shall arrange with you to send them with him as you have desired.
or get him to hand mail to a Camel caravan which passed Co yesterday coming north. I am anxious to have plenty of time to study the relationship manuscript and vocal refs to queries.

My trip to Igyege was a great success, although I parted from some of my men. I enjoyed it very much. I spent three days there with the Neggers. I only wish to the Lord that I had known then that you wanted a sketch of the enclosure. I could have got it there to perfection. May never have such an opportunity again. You may find as a sequel of the trip three ashdoras ceremonies amongst the amzos, but the drawings I expected to get.
Turned out to be natural, but somewhat fantastic; markings on grey marlomorn granite. These markings were, according to the natives, done by alcherenga men.

In the matter of love, I did not fare very well - the Yarumpa people after taking me to their Brakalurina, a round man hole in the face of a rock, which was in the alcherenga. A Yarumpa rest; gave me three Churunga, one of which I am sending to you. The whole trip covered about 200 miles. I also visited Simalurina with Inquiri. I found it and the others, but did not get any more Churunga. I was 29c for 6 months, and I spent my allowance on those I got here.
An entirely spontaneous offering—
the riggsen and there was evidently
pleased to see me and quite as
a matter of course showed me
their Ceremonies—amongst them
was the old brook armed man
who attended the Zag nava. He
was there on a visit. I have
asked the old man to come in
and am expecting them daily. Likely
I think of if how have you got
into that Clear Hoptala of yours
that these people are so ashamed?
you are entirely wrong. I made
no mistake in including that
Groomed race—these people said
Certainly did grind their axes
has not their Knuin—50 years ago
I got these axes changar from
the local neggers. I immediately
ground. I have found all different!
Periods old axe blades — one of which I think you have mounted—
always ground. Further than this the old aggows have shown the
place in this locality where their produce i chopped the clives
& afterwards ground them by rubbing against hard stones — axes
are still made in the same manner by the Hufa Hauruvauna
blocks in the outcrop district where tomahawks are not procured.
The Katinga is used for fighting on war expedition — the resin
hafted close knives are used for fighting — I have often seen
them used here in the early
days & only last year at
Temants Creek they rarely use resin kept knives for cutting up game that is generally done.
with pieces of Quadrills or slate. I now
visited a hill composed
almost entirely of this latter
rock and at one spot there
is unmistakable evidence that
for many hundreds of years
this spot has been the source
from which this class of flints
has been drawn - the diggers who
took me there said that the
flints were traded all over
the country north. south, east
and west. It is the custom for men
to carry a piece of flint in
the hair for cutting up game.

The Lord de Carteret was an interested
in our work, my relations moved
probably lead me to believe that
I had been to Smyrna to attend
Ceremonial. What I wished to convey
has. That I had witnessed the ceremony performed in Henty's
fashion - for some time I had had some Henty books here
both whom I had often spoken about. The Hantuca - father masters
a young fellow arrived with an
a sheep - party from Newcastle Olivers
and as luck would have it he
belonged to Illawarra district, the real
men of Hantuca that district at
once proposed that he should
be fixed up - you can imagine
how I chuckled - the result you
will find set out with much
detail - the photographs some
of them, are excellent, and
they are genuine - I developed
the Hantuca pictures in fear
& trembling knowing that if
they did not turn out well I
might never have another chance
my first training picture was
very inferior - when on the
following day I found them
preparing for another such
ceremony - with perfect reason
I nearly fainted with emotion
Everything was done in good
old albatrossian style, no
modern nonsense - no clipping.
I do wish you could have
been here. I have been many
such ceremonies, but none so
elaborate. None carried on with
such attention to detail. Lately
these ceremonies in this locality
have been much curtailed, the
boys are not so eager to discipline
and a few months ago one
tradition was re-lived & sabotage
in the head of the creed at Indeeds
Park—There are two Arakurts now  
camped on the Aurora hill.  
I hope to get a picture of  
The Roperla Naluma Ceremony in a  
few days. My pictures of the  
Naluma would have been more  
numerous had only that I was  
short of plates that no sooner  
for the Camera Co. gave me.  
I am seriously thinking of getting  
a good snapshot instrument. This  
bullet eye Camera is not to be  
depended upon only one picture  
said a dozen is worth  
painting. the lens can't be much  
good. A man named Fauster who  
is on a prospecting tour through  
the Country arrived here the other  
day with a Camera which makes  
A good snap, eager as it is an  
Eastman Kodak and him $25 on
London ladies and camera fellows nearly half plate size seem also to weed for half plates. The exposure is regulated from 100th part 0.5 second up to 3 minutes. Then looking at picture you just press a button. The exposure which releases some mechanism connected with the lens. The exposure is regulated by two forces which fall according to the speed at which the speed is regulated. Basler told me he could not procure an instant film there in Adelaide - he has been to Paris for something superior so that he must be an enthusiast of the game. I had a fine half plate picture of the Igelbära impressiva Schäferiana, but in lifting it from the rack I let it fall on the floor and completely destroyed it. Completely! The Igelbära miliaris I could not get the weather being very cloudy. With struggling rain. In a few days I am off to Nelsoba.
a place in the rain country about 60 miles ESE of here, the Maads tell me there are some good eldinga there in Carcs and a big erthalunga I shall send you copies of the drawings I hope the trip will add a little to our field information - So that I may learn as much as possible about the place I have sent to Arthopa for the boys man of the place - The Maads also want me to visit Sliparlinga in the spot around which many myths are interwoven there too I hope to find up a few ethnological textiles - I was delighted with your letter by jove it is a pleasure to deal with you - you so warmly appreciate everything the one fly in my ointment you
as present is the absence of your questions to which I would like to have some replies this mail - the Age lie which you mention was printed in at least one of the Adelaide papers that they published. My name correctly you are said to have gathered the information during four months stay here in connection with the Horse. I am informed of course tho. I knew it can be helped. I can quite imagine Costes malicious goal when you showed him the paper he would me from Cordnadelia the other day saying that he had arrived there "Pleasant Success". I hope he has not been fortunate enough to go through his money through he might as well do
as love is in liars as I love done—my loves since I left you in Melbourne total over £500 and I have finally given the game up—the informal calls killed me rather than sleep on paying them I have purchased several blocks of shares—I am sending you by this mail box containing 2 small Kangaroo
Hununga bone at Karuna ceremony bottle containing cordial of the boy, this may interest some of your University colleagues if not pass it on to friends and tell him it is a very rare 7
bottle 2 Chillinga 1 bottle containing 3
red bailed Hununga legato 1 some other to fill up 1 bottle containing a small
pair Hunungga 1 some other things from
Bennon Creek I am lending on this
least because it appears new to me

WES SP.
and McKay says the Macaos assume
him is a fully grown - Some feathers
for your Nardunja - Shaig made by
Kylesa from Rewina fur - I arangquitha
sheets from Iyaba - Small bag and altha
1 Yarumga Churinga - let me know
name of legant (red tattoo) at the end
then I fervently hope nice turn out
6s something new - some of the feathers
one of the manungas cut off
during the performance but you can easily
pick some on again - the key manungo
manungas was a thing of beauty & a joy
for ever & I would much like to have
mentioned it for you but it would have
been an awkward thing to send Don't
now if it would have cost you a small
fortune to get a case metal proof made
for it - The pictures you require I
will try to get in time for next
mail - Stirling tells me that he is going
to have another try to get over
God to start a movement whereby
each colony should subscribe £500
do that the various members in
Armen theology would undertake
a comprehensive work on the
subject— all the work except the
publishing to be done as a labour
of love. What do you think of
the prospect? he had come up
at 6 Regears for a night & seems
me there was much said —
Great consumption of tobacco &
Thursday! — he hopes that we shall
be able to get all the pictures
published, in which case he says
the book will be a valuable edition to
lars. I shall be greatly relieved in
my mind when I hear that Mr. M'Kellam
have accepted the book, but I have
put the Sleigh on draw a car & there
Doing so if the manuscript is submitted to a qualified man there appears to me to be so much in the words that should interest thousands of people amongst the cultured classes outside the purely scientific world. Like you I regret that so much of the detail is so meaningless but you can please yourself however you put it in a form of a letter.  I think it is best to send you everything.  I think I told you has wait that I have written to Remade for a map to send me I explained briefly the sort of map I wanted and what I want for he sent me a map which I intend using for plotting in the future. He says he will be delighted if we will allow him to do any work of this sort days it would give him the greatest pleasure.
would not object. I have spoken to Mr. Hankins for his office and saying that I would communicate with you, and when he would probably hear more about the matter shortly. I propose therefore that you send a deed for the two farms, or what you have sold to him, he would say the lands down with much greater accuracy than I could do, in any case they must to a great extent be only approximately correct. I have nowhere precisely given the English names of places mentioned, and in this connection please note that Ilaydan is a few miles south of Mount May, which is a large mountain north of the McDonnells. You will see this from Ilaydan. Also, there is a correction that has to be made in the Marchings of Yarruman.
Sterling tells me that since Mr. Conners nearly came to a big brawl last week, he himself backed down and gave up papers. Meanwhile the map of New York is being sent to feeler modes and the New York Times backed down after the brawl. I am curious to know the precise facts. Have you seen Millard since your return? You never mention him in your letters; neither have the Sterling men. Remembered in the Jubilee Records—much to my surprise. Expecting that I would get the K.C. post. I intend to work on some jobs at the newspaper, for which I have treated with silent contempt. This made me feel that there was something in the news. He tells me that he is hard at work on the Reproduction for the hopes to publish a paper clearly but his time
is so very limited" which made me smile — now that he is free of hospital duty, I should think he had heaps of time — short you work too hard on this book of our old fellow. I always feel a bit uneasy about you knowing how prone you are to burn the candle at both ends. Take things easily & your work, what is of infinitely more importance, yourself, nice to all the better for it — next mail should make is very near to bed.

Since things, after all, as you say, any additions will be in matters of detail — the legend, legend extends at any rate to the fuerte & I think he shall find it very merely distributed through Anlon's beliefs very considerably in different localities. Think this mails ao two others.
up the origin of the Pumulunga. If it does not entirely elucidate the Churinga problem it goes to new to a perfect solution. That I doubt whether we shall get deeper - there is one thing to be considered make these people think the desert and cannot expect everything to fit in with mathematical exactitude. The wanderings of the Telunas is startlingly like the wanderings of the Children of Israel. I am daily expecting to read in the Tablets on the mound in Mea. Does Arthur think of the wanderings? do I now know of anything similar? I am glad Corbe is too in the Telunas to you. I rather mainly begged him not to give it to Stirling that he showed the photographs of do so and extracted all the information I could about it from the smugglers. Stirling made a radical error; he should have taken him to Mr. Sofay before he
to Melbourne — Albert of Dempo.

Dom has been playing with me for
few days, he is a fine fellow — most
English fellows are — he has given me
a most cordial invitation to go and
there and spend a few months amongst
the Lwende — without knowing anything of
anthropology he takes an intelligent
interest in our work and is one of the
few now in this country who will read it.

Here I might live for a century without
learning anything of the Lwende, but
just 3 months on Dempo I could, with
nothing else to attend to, do a lot of
good work. I fervently contemplate
serving the Gods if they were without
debiting my share of absence — of which
I am entitled to 8 months on full
pay — allow me to spend three months
there before I leave the Country — Then I
must say, Seegers will do if the
hood is a queen— which of course I
must be. I am strongly of opinion
that the marriage is regulated by totems
and there despites what we have heard
to the contrary— there is a break up
the relatives referring away to the
Angloas— who call themselves the Antidekina
people— so one of them told me regulate
their marriage by the totems— So far I
have not been able to clear the Eulhabennu
problem—but probably before this letter
reaches you I shall have done so. I
am giving the Native Master at
William Cook to get in a certain
intelligent black who is said to be
learned in Nahus lore. My first
informant expressly stated that he could
only marry a woman of a certain
totem— Kempa is a friend of mine
and all the faces I met see that he
Can do. Though after some information I
with which he furnished Sterling it
is doubtful whether he would get the
truth - the Niggers in that locality are
utterly demoralized so far as old custom
are concerned. I wish you had accepted
his mediation; he is a splendid fellow
and as he is unquestionably a descendent
of Edward III you would have had
the late faculties of bastardy in the
ancestry of a demi royal person! -
Evidently you are chumming with him.
appreciation of your collection. I must
confess that I am a bit anxious to
see it - do you think you have a
copy of everything. If there is any special
line in which you are most in so let
me know - a bigger answer from Ingaba
today - and in consequence to see if the
Camels had arrived - brought half a dozen
of the various quenelle seeds - a la Drumhunja
you can have two or three more if you like - later on I hope to lend you the Arumquiersh speak t Roomera arrangement - Martin tells me - this between ourselves - that an old man out in his locality has been killed for dwalleying locality of Chewings to Corio. This upset me somewhat I could not have had it happen for 100 pounds. I am going to write Corio strongly about the Chewings business. This must be no more than bringing a reversal of such a thing. I can only say that I did so then in ignorance of such they meant to The Nation - to fully realize this once requiring to go as I did a few weeks ago with with such Nation to their allocation to watch them now only handing their treasure - it impressed me far more than anything else I have witnessed. I have many
I was visited at Bulangiga in this locality with the Bears but the rage they bore has always created a certain amount ofזכיר trio robbed the sense of its solemnity - Upon say there is no doubt about me being made an Honorary Member of the Anthropological Society when the word is passed: "What a striking a fellow of the Dame Society - I'd rather remain pontiff supreme of the Rapparatas - I have decided not to go north this year - it might interfere with our work - Sagos copied the rock paintings from my drawings (1)

As to my going over to Melbourne when the proofs come out I cannot say anything just now but I think it is very doubtful I want to build up my chalcograph finances and then there is this Lornetka business which would come in nicely for the 14th or 15th edition.
of our work - I sometimes hear dreams
in which I picture you next year,
figuring in London Scientific Circles as
Hansen is today - oh the folly of it
if people only took as much interest
in chirology as they do in the performacy
measuring with you that a word we
could produce - the dream is gradually fading
away as you will probably guess when
you read my modest proposal about
the Jericho - there is however a long gap
north to be done yet in the Rangers
although we already have sufficient for
a bulky volume - I hope that you propose
pulling in some of the language is this
north white do you think - no one seems
to care much about the languages of
these people - If you do not care to
print the all the wanderings how would
it do to merely plot them on the
maps referring only the appendix
I agree with you entirely about placing
the detailed account of the Environ in
the of Appendix - about a copy of Environ
the Blacks contemplate a meeting to be held here about times at
which the Charlotte Finite Happy &
Anna Reservoir Blends are to assemble.
A word has already passed through the
Fibs and it only needs a word from
me to set the whole thing going - so
far I have told them to wait! I
would let them know later on - hardly
fulfilling to going through last year's
experience. Above all, though if it did come
collide on the scale they propose I doubt
we should gain a mass of new material.
Don't fidget in that cozy chair, you
could as possibly come if I must examine
would not get through it with anyone
else - the finite beings tell me
that they have no intention of
holding a big Engurum in that locality - then front of all did the Churinga come in – that question is a poor but you will find it dealt with in my notes – it dates back I think before aleheringa man and I am inclined to think that originally it was meant to express the spiritual part of aleheringa animal or man the meaning of the term I had to be “sacred” – in the sense perhaps that the sacramental matter is sacred to the Roman Catholic and not in the sense that a house is dedicated for (who is not Churinga) is sacred – the one thing is certain – clear as day and that is that the Churinga found when a child is born is the emblem of the child in its spiritual form – I have given this matter much careful thought for hours relaps I have threshed it out.
Both hoary headed of the tribe
it is only the hoary headed from
whom we can extract information on this
subject now. That we have got so
close to the red rock - the younger
men like Otoko I win don't know
it the old men only by judicious
silence pretend to know more than
They really do - more if you can
understand what I mean - A thing in
Chewanga that is everything Chewenga
spelt in capital letters please - there
can be nothing impossible where
Chewanga are concerned - News springing
from Chewenga, that is from something
sacred in the animal or man, just
as the Virgin art any appears at Lowdes.
Though unless you want to bring down
upon me the anathema of Holy Church
I don't quote me as saying do - I
think though that this means chases
will make you fancy happy on the
subject—With regard to the food
of the natives, you can I think
safely say that they eat everything
except mushrooms which they believe to
be poisonous—an arum quelsha, growth
produced by a falling claw—I think
the fact of people of certain brother
clans Totems being confined to
certain localities points back to a time
when marriage was regulated by the
Totem—otherwise why this restriction—
Marriage between two of one Totem
though legal is not very common—
I take by and extract the reason for
shaving out teeth—I did not mean to
convey the impression that in the
alchemists to feed upon a certain animal
or beast you must belong to that
special Totem what I did meant
to convey was that certain Totems
Fed exclusively upon their own animal or plant; for instance
Udavuvainga grab upon Udavuvainga
Iduvaimeela upon Iduvaimeela
Umpama upon Umpama
Ovia upon Ovia
Arunga upon Arunga
Yarrumpa upon Yarrumpa
Ingwuringa grab upon Ingwuringa
Okwamena snake
but on the other hand
Ehampa feed upon Oradora and
Anthemia upon Opossum upon jam leaves
Sitaca Turner upon Grasshoppers
Enamaitja Shenam upon Rhodina bees
Witipwa upon Munyere
Elon
I come for the type of me
poulterer and why come to town only
eat the food which belonged to
their own town while others were
not so restricted — I thought at one time that in this difference lay the much wanted primary classes but I could not make anything out of it — it was so in the alcheringa the alcheringa men knew what was best — we knew that now, although a man cut of his totem ford he can only do so sparingly — no hot stones used in cooking — my notes on the subject are meagre but so far as they go they are essential I carefully watched the blacks cooking Euro Tract Bay at Ilpatar I have since seen them cooking Echidna — the same cooking fallics almost exactly new an account Corrie gave me of what he had seen the roasted blacks doing with an emic — you will find amongst the photos two of Gleeson — about the best of a whiteman I have ever taken
The magicians do not look upon the Mappetna ceremonies as being an 
intermediate stage between the alchemy of 
animal men — they were men. They say 
only that they were confirmed. I 
cannot help thinking that the 
initiatory rules had their origin 
in these traditions — the blacks below 
that unless a man is operated upon 
he will grow stiff, clinging and 
either that or the women could 
such a thing be promised — there at one 
time the actual reader, and for some 
reason impart the rites upon men. 
There in the tradition of the Hathippa. 
Women performing the operations: in 
this learned ceremony the Haripra is 
caused off on the shoulder of a 
woman in the manner in which the 
Hathippa women caused the Haripra. 
Hathippa women marched across
The country from New to East is in different parts of the tribe — the women at the initial stage of the ceremony assume the arms of men. Apulla are always made to run from West to East, with the main trade at the Eastern end. Because it was in the fact that the women had done. When the Apulpa is coming in on the day of the operations, the women line the apulpa lines their faces to the end while the men at the Apulpa purely approaching them. Their men from them. The idea evidently being to drive them away — all these things are capable of explanation if its course may get it and Israel not be surprised if we get evidence which clearly points to the idea. Israel continues digging —
31st Florida plant with fruit (of the type very fine) goes to you to Israel.
Israel so that species may be determined if it is a Cooper. You must remember the
Amurica or Alladapurna, operating upon
Superbna. Creatures of that order —
Millions of officials. This
morning. I hope you are all well.
Could not yet receive. Amor ete I
shall have to send to Nevada send to
meet him — My love to the little
one, all sorts of messages from
Mrs. Balfour — Warmest regards and
all good wishes to you and
yourself from me only.
Yours ever lovingly,

[Signature]

Mrs. Connor leaves for Atlanta next week. I
shall follow her by October mail. We shall
be sorry to lose her but she has earned my
recognition by recalling me of the real news I ever had
— her very best, I believe.