

Alber Springs

May 28th 1898

My dear Spencer

I have yours of the 10th
 & the Indication papers. The latter
 I am distributing amongst various
 friends & acquaintances, if you have
 two or three more copies to spare
 send them along French sent me
 an Australasian from which I
 learn that you have been
 spreading yourself on Nature
 magic I should like to trans-
 late you surrounded with the
 various articles I can imagine
 you fairly well in the subject
 and am sure that you treated
 it in an attractive manner

Perhaps when I go to Melbourne
you will spread yourself for my
special benefit. You will then be
an F.R.S. to share the glory
of the reflected glory - surely.
Perhaps a little later safely. I am most
sensible that you should get this
great dispute settled in a moment - a
distinction before the book comes
out. I should be proud to see the
of arrogance to be essential with
F.R.S. as distinction which is as important
to me as the honor of India. I
appreciate the keenness of feeling which
prevails upon concerning for the distinction
between the two, as it is as well as usual, you
will be all the more gratified in what
you put your friends will be possible to
say that it came out as it is possible
I think you get it as it is possible

When the news comes through from
London and wish you would extend
the word and a word containing the one
word of fellowship to you of best
I am thoroughly satisfied with
the paper, as I told you when
here. I did not want any special
recognition, to be associated with you
in the work, on equal terms, was
our original bargain to that I had
achieved through to speak of
yourself as "Compulsor" in the
non-sense of it. I did not know you
so well. I should say it is a word
of that form of price which is
humility. You are the inspiring of the
whole work without your guiding hand
a line of it would not have been written
You could not have done more towards it
if you had known the spot in fact

You might not have done so much -
Not only in this work but in
any that I may do in the future
you must be my co worker. There
must be no question of differentiating
our respective shares.

Four came in last week with
four Inuit prisoners. These are now
en route for Pt August a Gao
the fourth a small boy was
released - from one of the prisoners
a Sandhill status, speaking fair
English I could, under happier
conditions, have got some good
information & I hope to interview
him after he has served his
six months when his knowledge of
English will have increased. After
the sentence he was too much depressed
& dazed to be communicative. The

only thing that I could extract
 was that sometimes he was
a Bullhara & sometimes a Purula &
 that the totem was no bar to
 marriage he was a Wild dog
 man & some Wild dog women were
 Kuric i.e. Unawa. I had arranged with
 Marlon to bring this particular Stigger
 in but unfortunately he lost to
 Cattle stealers & fell into fowls clutches
 & now I must await his return - You
 may be sure that I shall keep my
 eye upon him - The Pompe blasts are
 playing the very devil with the cattle
 the shooting of two of their number
 has not checked them in fowls has taken out
 warrants for several of the known offenders
 this means that they will be shot if they
 attempt to avoid arrest - poor wretches - the
 devil of it is that so long as they

The Police are after them they will go
on killing on the newspaper that they
might as well be shot for a hat as a
bullock. It is a peculiarity of the Maggon
that people seem as he is discovered in one
crime & shows that the Police are after him
he proceeds to commit another. Cook is
thoroughly embittered & so is Martin who
has believed always hated them well.
Cook is shot on 3 November & died but
looks forward to a space as in another
two months when the year for which he
made the revolution expires. I have tried to
induce him to look to the 3 days a day
for another year but he only scoffs at
the idea & I am afraid he will make
no other delay when that year
expires he asked me to tell you
that he has been too long to make. He
is looking forward to when the fall
for his abstinence — he brought his

Clunore in course I was concerned
with only it is a beautiful instrument
I offered to give him my camera
& a good thoroughbred Cole in
exchange but he would not deal
he hardly was the instrument almost
to own or later it will be
smashed probably through the fact
coming into collection with a
I am sending you a number
of prints this is a + and looking
a picture of the Reddie & the first
to see you I wish I could see
you lot I would probably never get
Kymona drawn in your library
So far I have not made a card
upon the language & in all probability
I shall not do so until after I have
the 11 of this down country and present
I am trying to improve my

mind with a little reading & at
the same time giving the Niggers
a much needed rest. It is
encouraging to know that you think
I shall be able to master the
languages but I am far from
confident I will however do my
best none cannot do more -

I will go more fully into the
Totem parson sheets it never struck
me as being a matter of any
importance & it is quite possible
that many little items which appear
to me common place would in your
eyes be important - I am accused
to think that I never mentioned the
food instructions relating to pregnant women
I had hoped that it was stored away
somewhere amongst the notes & though
I could not find it in my big books

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I shall not reply to Long Rod's letter until I hear from you -

Squire has looked for *Lamnadopus* two or three times without success

& thinks they only exist for a few days after rain - if you

you want more traps send

along some spirits. I have a

white bat and one or two

other things but not sufficient

to fill a tin.

My trip to Astanga was very enjoyable but fruitless from an

antbird's point of view. You will

see that I got a fairly good

picture of the fat rain. Astanga

I used a Comoran belonging to one

of the battery officials. Our syndicates

have got to the end of their finances

and have decided to throw up our

proprietor who showed me
about a hundred pounds may
the devils father fly away with
such infernal luck I can touch
nothing without pinching & crawling
some time ago, acting as a part
of the I bought 25 sketches at £. 10. 6
then they at once began to fall
touching £4. 17. 6 but are now rising.
found a financial point of view I am
worse off than when I returned from
Adelaide now two years ago & its
all gone in shares. In two feet
I have unbounced faith & hope
we are that in all probability I will
shall be taking my head out in
some deadly stagnant country - village
where the local haunts come out
around I shall be out of J. B. Reilly
has a good property in which he

is raising some which will I think
yield a profit but there is really
nothing to be made by email
speculation to get any return from a
great amount of money put out at all
spend a fortune on developments that
Poor Reilly - he is a great
enthusiast & thoroughly enjoys the
work of prospecting but it seems
a pity to think that his holiday is
being pulled away out there - I
I want to predict that within three
years the gold will begin to
take account of the railway that
Bodnadastan - I think this
you the hotel will have spoken
the faithful you or No. I fear only
hope that it will be Yes or at least
expressed although for a time at
least South Coast must suffer a

letter. Are you going to arrange
with any of your English friends
to collect Criticisms on the book?
if so I wish you would get them
on duplicate as I should much
like to see & preserve all the
notices whether favorable or otherwise
Will you be able to distribute copies
to the Australian press - not forgetting
the Bulletin - good press notices
would undoubtedly help to sell the
book. I shall not mind the attacks
of the McJennanites a scrap we
can hardly expect them to succumb
without some show of assistance &
as you say it will probably be
their final scrabble our work coming
on the laps of Howard & Parsons & Rolles
should fairly flatten them out.
I hope you had a good time

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in the ranges with old Francis
& the legged man whom I do
not know. Three or four days is not
enough you should have a fortnight
or more. I wish I could spirit
you up here in Sept. take you
on to Demont's forest but I suppose
it is impossible. I shall do
a lot of travelling about during
the summer partly to kill time
& partly in the performance of
official duty.

I am anxious to get a
few days at the Missionaries
with some Juritcha ruggers & shall
be glad when they ~~has~~ cease
cattle killing & settle down again.
I shall then ask the Missionaries
to send out for some men & women
& with Sheklons assistance we should

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be able to get some good information -
I know that the Missionaries are collecting
things as -

The real thing is still
mowing for his son & friends,
with his scrubby cut, or he has
singled hand a most forlorn
figure whom you would find
I difficult - to recognize!
him looking after the red Chaps
he was evidently pleased to
hear that your bowls of garnet
for him - they are all - even old
Sagya Saek who is not a bad
old chap - has a good bundle
recollections of you & often
inquire about you & laugh over
little incidents of the big game
for he would love upon the sympathy
you extend to the old fellows as

mailed long & to me that they had
bottled up a want of knowledge
of blood not one of which is
too exact fulfil of prejudice
strongly thing in Martin of
Tempe & staying with in head
Mortals are surface friends
one can easily see that there is
no real good feeling, our long
Sagya's colleague has gone earlier
with the premium on not silent
returning his & our mutual friend
did not get on well & the latter
is now asking the police
allow him to move back to
despise with the success of a
second Police officer - the Ethel
would be the best among
no man could work amicable
Cools - about the

my father's day were I'd like
to argue the point with you
"distinguished" American. You say that as
"is one of the despised race you wouldn't
venture to personally criticize etc" holy Moses
how unlike you must be to the
general run of your race for have you
you been criticizing, oppressing
ostracizing, stifling, squelching, at times
annihilating my unfortunate race for
the last 600 years - good night
old fellow - Good night
if you come up in the summer
I'll be there

Yours warmly
Jef

My Wife sends kindest regards - please
write me to Mr Spencer concerning my
love to the babies