

Nice Springs  
7<sup>th</sup> Aug 1898

My dear General  
It is Sunday night the mail  
leaves tomorrow morning & I have all my letters  
to write so this will probably be the  
shortest epistle which I have ever affected  
you - of course you'll laugh but its a solid  
fact that for a week or more I have not  
had time, day or night, to call my soul my  
own - first of all a double tania then an  
expedition from Ula-thinka ~~to~~ (M'Heughlan)  
group of Ula-noringila returning Churinga which  
were borrowed from this group some four or  
five years ago. I have not had time to copy  
my pencil notes but will endeavor to do so  
before next mail (always provided that official duties  
are not too heavy) I am sending you photo of the  
two Kuchja painted gills totara ideriga please  
note that the inferiority of the picture (& of others)  
is due to bad light - photo of new setting in  
A-pulla engine the talvia something I have not  
seen them to before the talvia (in this instance the  
knife which I use for castrating lambs) has painted  
in the same manner as the stone implement  
you look closely at the photo & you will see



standing in the ground in center of group - the  
picture is instantaneous this singing of the  
lalouca & the elaborate painting of a special  
milla lotan idinya which was subsequently  
painted on the back of many the Warjars were  
the only two features in the ceremony which  
were new to me. I subsequently bought two  
shells & have sent it down - yesterday - with some  
of my collection & household treasures - The  
returning of Chewanga is full of new and  
interesting matters which I dare not touch  
on here but should touch on for half  
the night. I do wish old fellow that you  
were here with your finer pen & rich vocabulary  
so that the subject might be done justice. It  
is when a matter of this sort crops up that  
I feel my shoulder ache & have time to  
look for the good & want - suffice it to say  
that the returning of Chewanga is very different  
to that previously described I have been in this  
up to my neck in my "juts" (as one would say!)  
has been undisturbed & fed with feeding Chewanga  
until my shorts are at night in alchanga  
now would be restrained of talk about during  
everything about the Awanda I shall not be  
surprised if some of the most valuable work

be done during the next twelve months.  
 You thought the crowning of Churninga  
 at the Engnara imperious but really it  
 was nothing compared with ~~what~~ what  
 has been occurring here for some days.  
 A messenger arrived a day ahead of the  
 expedition & on the day upon which the  
 latter arrived the old Okirabala & the King  
 each ~~had~~ painted a design upon a shield  
 one represented the coming of the Udaungya  
 of the alchunga from Ulatheba & the  
 other the alchunga place to of the  
 Okirabala. These shields were kept carefully  
 covered up until after the slaves were  
 handed over & then each one was pressed  
 hard against the stomachs of all the men  
 present. These shields safely in my  
 dew you can have one. The decorations  
 are white on a red ground & parts of  
 red and black. These Udaungya's slave  
 Churninga are the finest lot I have ever  
 seen together. Many of them are unwarmed  
 but each one is as familiar to the old  
 fellows as if I were branded ~~with~~  
 so I have of course taken some photos  
 mostly inferior & thought very short of



Quilapua with the result that two pieces  
 which should have been first class are  
 almost too thin to print from. These  
 however are fair negatives of the bundle  
 of Chawanga oval shaped & about a ft 6  
 in length resting on the Alatinajas these  
 this was taken just as it was handed to  
 him. I have also negatives of the same  
 grouped around the Chawanga - with the  
 Chawanga showing in one dello dello grain.  
 The Chawanga two pictures of Alderman's  
 gab in datha - tomorrow. The proceedings  
 are to terminate by taking the visitors  
 to the Valnataungu which has not been seen  
 by the old Alatinaja who leads the party.  
 I am to accompany the party & when I  
 come in tonight reading with red ochre & emitting  
 an effluvia of rancid fat & charcoal rancid  
 this to my long suffering wife she fairly  
 snorted. I should get one or two interesting  
 pictures at the gap but as I have no developer  
 they will have to await arrival of next mail  
 I hope to elude trouble in about three weeks  
 you can address your letters to as usual  
 they will reach me wherever I am. I have not

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a considerable portion of my collection  
 also our silver pictures etc. I headed down  
 boots for Tom now that with the pack I had skin  
 partly denuded - of the horse and too loads  
 some what empty. I could not make out  
 these things being packed without some  
 is purchasing a pig, it seems better  
 beginning life over again - I have been  
 so completely contented & happy here that  
 I doubt whether I shall ever feel again  
 the same elsewhere. I have not a cent  
 more that the London money that sent to  
 you some time ago was long with the field  
 and taken in the tobacco (see photo) etc/  
 which you will see in the two specimens  
 belongs to the Yargipa people in  
 I fancy - but I am not sure, that the  
 various tobacco sticks are inherited



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From the 50 particular *Dumela* associated with  
each *Stem*. I read through the *proofs*  
carefully ~~in~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~errors~~ <sup>except</sup> that you have  
written *Karlina* *Quatoba* - *Karlina* means  
Comet ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> the word is always placed  
after the name of the *form* as *Garoba*  
*Harina* *Eli*, *Karlina* *Phra* *Karlina* etc  
I thought you would see *Jaaperaga* of *Muramaga*  
*Aswa* ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~thing~~ <sup>thing</sup> that is Comet  
I find ~~another~~ <sup>another</sup> ~~word~~ <sup>word</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~before~~ <sup>before</sup>  
I send in the original *Statement* -  
I do ~~what~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~think~~ <sup>think</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~proper~~ <sup>proper</sup> ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> ~~photos~~ <sup>photos</sup>  
I regard them as our ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> ~~property~~ <sup>property</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>  
belong to let you deal with them so  
you think best. I shall probably add some  
interesting pictures during the next few  
months when I shall be ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~field~~ <sup>field</sup>  
I think we ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~yet~~ <sup>yet</sup> ~~ready~~ <sup>ready</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~send~~ <sup>send</sup> ~~them~~ <sup>them</sup>

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Inge being disappointed with the work too  
 probably but in admiration too much  
 moved to write! but if not then write  
 & tell him to come & try his hands  
 seriously though I hope he'll undertake  
 the rest for I am longing to see  
 the work published & glad to have the  
 pay no matter how little. He has sent me  
 from Barrow 4 each & sent me a couple  
 more for free & I sent 2 each  
 each to the Barrow & Peacock. Large frogs  
 are plentiful at both places in the  
 hot season. Sent along Spirits in  
 bulk of your kind that large collection  
 has piled. Shars had time to work  
 on the questions contained in your  
 letter. Inuita certainly means cold & to  
 Inuita today assured me today that bringing  
 to the cold was the proper translation of  
 Inuita. Surely I have mentioned  
 somewhere in my notes that the  
 Ungavikula had a country? - hills & such  
 Your letter contained one line that made  
 me squirm "Mr Gleason" does not seem to be at  
 all in St Lawrence the few of Denial whose  
 reputation increases as the years pass by"



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I venture to predict that when you and I  
are dead even the name of Disraeli will  
be forgotten or if it be remembered  
that it will be as the author of some  
tawdry happy words. I cannot agree with  
you about his reputation increasing everything  
that I have read points the other way.  
Statesman in my opinion he was not  
to compare him on any way with the  
brilliant noble Gladstone is a gross indignity  
to the latter. Disraeli as I know him is  
an insatiable scheming Jew without patriotism  
how such a man ever came to rule the  
great Conservative party has always been a mystery  
to me. You seem to find fault with Gladstone  
because he was at once your regard. How  
any man can condemn the negotiator of the  
dishonorable "peace with honor" Berlin Treaty as  
a great statesman I can't for the life  
of me understand. It appears to me that  
the Jews instincts <sup>or sympathies</sup> were essentially essential &  
that he did not care two shillings for England  
or her honor - He is Gladstone the servant  
of England & not the master & long since always  
first. I can't go into this subject tonight  
or at any time more paper submitted if you please



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here tonight night has a cloudy  
 fight and kind up with a  
 little whiskey. I am enclosing a  
 cooling flat stone on of council which  
 please read carefully. Of course  
 of council's son was an ass so  
 one doubts that - few great men  
 haven't their brains imbrued  
 I am glad to see my wife that  
 Mrs Spence is getting about again  
 please give her my kindest regards. My  
 wife has fished up during the winter but  
 she is not very strong yet. I shall be glad  
 when I have landed her safely at Orduadatta  
 - It is very probable that I shall be  
 called out soon for as for days I  
 would much rather not go partly because  
 of the expense & partly because I should  
 feel putting forward the wife & babies  
 if I accompanied them to the settled  
 districts - The three days in the train after  
 saying good bye would be intolerable -  
 Now you may I must conclude this  
 departed - I'm afraid incoherent - believe  
 mine I sat down although I know you

the page where I am <sup>21</sup> into the paper  
- ~~unconcerned~~ ~~been~~ ~~from~~ ~~framed~~ ~~justice~~ ~~after~~  
~~Barlow~~ ~~boasted~~ ~~of~~ ~~supposed~~ ~~his~~ ~~right~~  
~~to~~ ~~proceed~~ ~~like~~ ~~an~~ ~~old~~ ~~time~~  
~~war~~ ~~hero~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~face~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~law~~  
~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~rights~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~  
~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~rights~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~  
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What one sees Barlow tried to tackle Reid  
in his own strong hold - such bad generalship  
amounts - in my opinion - amounts to  
criminal folly, as soon as I heard that  
he was going to tackle Reid I offered  
to wager five pounds that the judge  
would win. I have had time to look  
through the papers but I quite expect to  
find that Reid jibed Barlow into  
this false move - of the two men Reid is  
undoubtedly the able tactician - How  
all the weak Reid federalists will go  
to Reid. There are always a large no.  
of people of no opinion who follow  
the successful side. I'm disgusted  
with Barlow - Reid could not have  
handled Charles Kingdon in this way  
good night

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