

Alice Springs
30th Oct 1898

My dear Spencer

Warm and generous of nature
love it looks a bit serious and all
about a God forsaken town which interests
no one but me perhaps a few quarry negroes.
If I believed in the efficacy of prayer
I should petition the throne of the Lord
to protect you from the shafts of your
Countrymen. I hear crispy bones of the
Vall de la Cortal being blown to shreds &
fragments of your remains being scattered to the
four winds. Had I of been in your place
I would not have needed going about at the
present juncture certainly not on a French
boat. I hear absolutely nothing to write
about your return. I have been confined
to the house with an awful attack of pain
brought on by tending in the heat weather, the
trip off on simply unfeared hot &
being hurried to the saddle for a long time
I arrived here minus most of my hide
in my northern trip. I spent some time after the
pleasant walk - in my hall yard

mainly when it will be still better &
 the flies & mosquitoes in that country
 simply intolerable - This place is simply
 unbearable without the help of screens &
 in one way I shall be glad to get
 away from it for a time. I have decided
 to go for a bag of so that I may take
 down some & collect a few things by
 the way if you fall in with my
 planning to purchase who wishes to adorn
 his halls with a collection of native
 weapons etc you have my authority
 to offer him the finest collection on
 earth - that mine for \$300 - or even
 less - for the former I can be sure
 he will have everything I have - The other
 thing I must mention while I think of it
 is that I am going to order a copy of
 the book but I told him he intended
 to send him one will you therefore see
 that he gets one with him & rest
 I have replied to the Secy of A.A
 for the A.A. saying that I am willing
 to accept the proposition of Mr. Powell
 if that is but if you get the English
 appointment - and I try to be successful
 I hope that you will - I shall probably

introduction. I had a delightful time with
 before we started necessarily for a week
 I can't make out what the devil he intended
 doing - he is now studying chemistry & is
 getting together a fine collection of vermin
 for the American professor who came. I
 handed him - He says that he intended
 to remain at the Charlotte three or four days
 all the way & then proceed to America
 where he has some very nice birds & plants
 I suggested that if he wanted to "take a look"
 & see how he should place his hands before
 you get your advice & I shall write to
 inform of he does so. The Ross's are returning
 to the new Station which is now under
 construction & situated at the junction of the
 Inlet & Gorge rivers. They are collecting for
 someone in England & I fancy they are doing
 pretty well. I'm not going to bore you
 with long letters while you are in England
 & you will have quite enough to do with
 reading my records but if you have a few
 time to scratch me a line I shall be glad
 indeed to know how you get on. I shall
 not be surprised to hear you are getting a
 great reputation among the birds & plants

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idea of you should get the FRS while in
just about your own right. I would a few
of the shelling down and take Golden Adair's
in double - that would mean that the
double cost in every partance - had
I come off. When you are returning I
and you find time hanging heavily upon
and your hands you might amuse yourself
profitably by scrubbing out a letter
or two which I could (perhaps) elaborate
at four off at an Alice Springs address
with a view to delivering it later on
in Adelaide - The R.G.S. New three
months ago said he hoped that some
scheme would give them another copy
of my life and have one at Melbourne
if possible they will receive and the price
just as high as - I shall try and have
my friend to hear what the big question
England have to say about the book
perhaps that McMillan will have it out before
I get it. After you arrive I shall find
out get someone to a credit in the
that they will understand to want to
abandon in later years. In your letter
wed at Oodnadatta you speak of sending

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The final instalment of proofs they have not
come to hand. I shall not request the
rectification ceremonies as both will be
an indication of honour & both necessary.

I agree with you that initiations ceremonies
are common all over Asia but they have been
suppressed. You find that Rollin has found
them & changed his views about the Indians after
visiting our books. I should like to hear

from you about Rougemont really you will be
the only man in London capable of bringing
him out. M. de Guignes says they would
like to see him in the hands of Del Guilar
for half an hour. As I did not believe
it at first but he has promised to do so at
least I go down & shall I hope to be able

to introduce you to Slides and Townshooting -
Remember this in preparing the lectures if
you do prepare them & I don't delay you forget
what I said! I have no doubt that you
will offer with yourself based upon you get
the very best of a proposition; but England is
not the proper place for you here you are
very comparatively out of the world. I have a
strong feeling that all your best work will yet
to be done & that it will be accomplished at

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no other man should ever intellectualize his development by
contact with the masses of the scientific world
- Hawley has no success & Law not alone
in understanding that your right mind may
be troubled in the moment you hope
and you will always retain a some corner
in your heart for your kind colleague
in the north - How did your trip take
the idea of your going home I fancy
the real reason was the English appointment
of I know how address should write
how I wish that you were away in
the old making still account for his
and that would all inquired about you
and I distributed 4 lbs of tobacco which
I told them you had sent but which
really came from the paternal government.
I am selling some household goods
by bit and making a haul of it too
yesterday I sold an article for 2/6 which
I found today cost me 1/6 - buy a few
nick to furnish. And that keeps you
a live a family out mail rather than
not out in your return - I sincerely hope you
will have a good time & that you will
return robust & cozy I think
Yours ever F. J. Fisher