Alice Springs
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My dear Spencer,

800 miles in the Handala of files nearly all the time. So you can imagine what sort of a trip we had. In the book I keep splendidly the Negro has been so helpful. We had about a month I had ample time to collect things half a dozen stone tools a stone hammer stone knives and things done in pits including one especially made for the female operations, a broad flat hand tool hand tooling an implement of several major things done, including human rations made by chimpanzees. I packed everything up separately and on down by canoe. My successor a Malayan man named Broadbent is to have been on the 3rd and come through by mail. I expect to get away about the end of April if I hope to be in London early in May. Broadbent has a wish to come with a look around and perhaps bring them up together with a foreman a few months later on. I shall take them in a few weeks if I can get going into London and afford to take a long train. A new idea reformed in the
The Charing is of course delightful & quite

the book is splendidly got up. I am
glad you have the Charinga design put on

his cover - the illustrations are handsomely as good
as I expected, but perhaps I am no judge.

I am attending the Reading conference which
is distinctly good. Though the reference to

Molière is somewhat amusing - Gordon monument

is a poem, or to figure such a

book as a present from the Authors. You might

have sent me a political memorandum under

what ever it happens to in exchange for my

name on the title page of so valuable a

Turkish and a contribution to literature of

the best kind. Certainly your years of study

Compton’s relations has yielded a splendid

profit which in the future will bring you a

tender reward - of not in any reputation.

But I hope in both. The Federation of the

Colonies will place your department under

Federal control to give you a wider sphere.

In this enlarged sphere I hope to see P.P.

come to the front. Your book will be the best

guarantee of capacity - Very nice Coming

from such a brilliant man - I am sure its
I don't altogether know what he means by the concluding lines —

Shaw meant some very congratulatory feeling but so far none from Kingston who is so busy that I am afraid he will not be able to find time to read the book — Gordon assures me that publication is very nearly. On the way to Torrington I visited Kerunidi School, fields which are long worked by a powerful labour syndicate on which I am a bit clear that may yet prove the bane of more to go on with our work. At Kerunidi, I dispensed across a man of the Shingates tribe which adjoins the Wawamanga north boundary. I run to count shady palms. I got the church keys and went along and sent them along and sail.

Jim Thompson's colleague made my bed. Tanga tmya, slumbering perplexing manner. I think
call the Bucknoms friendly so don't miss any. I urge actual you send me in a reproduce party
In God. In the London Correspondence Letter to St. Adelaide. Attention which also contains a

good criticism not yet to hand. When Spindley made he had not read the book, he wants one to make a collection of native vegetable products for the Museum but the reason is no good.
Good morning. The poem and Chap. 7 are
ordered for his Son. I was quite entertained
when I heard that you had decided to stay
in the Colony although I think you would
have had a wider field at home. I trust hope
that in the years to come we shall be able
to do some more good work together. It is
very good to have you here. Thus I would not have been
frustrated. As soon as this mail comes I
shall get the old man together and make a
point on the subject. If you get more
information about the town of Cheung Chau
of Hing-wong send up with me for a trip.

Israel anthropologists wish me to bring him back to
the book - but I am not familiar with the
idea of relationships. By the way, he tells me
that in the Alberga the Negroes bring in large
green frogs in a huge basket of tender clay
three feet in length, from under the geese
hills by the washing and are found on high ground
away from the creeks. He has had several
them & on baking upon the clay with a tomahawk
he formed the frog, emerged in a thin transparent
clay which he opened & the frog as soon as
released uttered a sound like that of a child coughing.
The first date about which I heard was one of a few weeks before the date at which the arrangements were made with the military. Ever since that time I had been trying to find a way to get through to you. The clay bed in which the pot was found is contained in a small area, as large as a football field, and is not equal to one English load. However, much interest in your account of your making of those examinations is much to be had, and I have been working on this with you to hear further particulars. Perhaps it is going to affect my collection, or rather, the greater part of it in London in England. For the oldest friends of the Nelson family, they have no way of sending a message. I shall try to keep up a little collection for myself but I cannot do anything with the lot, it is so small and me a small fortune to send the things. I have seen about 800 in the yard, but no ready means of reaching it. For a train. On returning, I found a description of one Atten Heels with my writing for me. The thought arose some good things to come. Hope it will be all right.
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