

Alvonta

28th Sept 1899

My dear Spencer

Today's mail brought two letters from you dated 21st & 25th both posted at Carlton on the same date. Roth is undoubtedly suffering from a very bad form of Swelled head & I think you are right in not bothering about him further. He wants to appear before the world as a special representative of the Government & looks upon the honor you proposed to confer upon him as quite a secondary matter. Nothing in the world would give me greater pleasure than to accept the

Precedentship if I felt that I
could fill the position but
your proposal is quite impossible
I could not prepare a suitable address
such a task is quite beyond my
elaborate abilities. The very fact
that I was writing for the
people of intellect of America
would paralyze my faculties &
I must therefore simply decline
the proffered honor. To prepare
an address worth reading before
such an audience would involve
an immense amount of labor & the
I really haven't the time or the
heart to undertake such a job even
if I had the necessary ability
which I haven't - You must take
the position yourself & no man of
them all is so well qualified to
fill it; You know the blood-fellows
as well as I do, perhaps better.

For with the intricacies of genius
you are able to project yourself
into his mind to think & feel
thereon as he does. You are full
of a generous & ready sympathy
which enables you to make friends
with them whenever you ~~would~~ go.
You can give expression to your
thoughts & ideas & experience in
Lutetian language which I can't
therefore my taking the position
is entirely out of the question
You must take it & you may
be sure that we shall not care
for your ideas & mine on
the treatment of the remaining
Aborigines & indeed on all points
are in unison as have shown
the subject a thousand times. If
my being a P stands in the way
of your taking the position then
see gladly resign without a shadow of
regret.

Take it you must old Chap in
the interest of the science we love
so well. The very fact of your
wanting me to take the position
has almost produced swelled head
& I have certainly grown inches
in my own estimations but I
trust you will see upon reflection
that it is impossible Verb Sap as
good old Becket would say —

Don't write to Kingston if you
did he might think I inspired
you to do so I couldn't bring
myself to ask him for any thing
~~myself~~ & I certainly would not like
him to think that I had moved
others to do so. Let the whole thing
slide. I have lost North Adelaide they
gave it to a Senior man — with that
status vacant the Govt had an

opportunity to recognise my long
 services in the Interior. They
 haven't done so & it is evident
 that they they don't consider my
 services deserve any special recognition
 Its a wa bit hard especially as
 I had been led to believe from
 conversations with certain Ministers
 that the Govt were anxious to
 recognise my extra departmental services
 Perhaps in appointing me Honry
 Sub Protector and allowing me to
 retain my S.M. ship they consider
 they have done enough - Kingston is
 coming here tomorrow to speak on
 current political topics he is to
 be entertained by the Mayor &
 Corporation at a social afterwards I
 am one of the invited guests. I shall
 probably have a chat with him if not

have, then certainly in Adelaide but
I shall not say a word about it
Adelaide & I'm certainly not going
to fire as one with a promise
I shall be speaking along in
the train on my way to Adelaide
show the tracks you. I am to
be in attendance on the Select
Committee at 11 am Tuesday
Was to have lectured at Wallaroo
on Monday but owing to the
Select Committee's summons has
had to postpone the lecture until
16th so I shall have the medicine
notes after all. I would not have
written tonight only that I was
a part of your Wade Kingston of
I did not reply sharp - Glad you
were interested in the Stirling-ga
notes - should not use that
term. Adelaide it is unquestionably
wrong & could waste a better

amount about's letter last night
he & his friends thought I
had some hand in preparing
Richard's well meaning but
absurd Aborigines bill. It's a
little annoying to be misjudged
by our friends Coule at times,
is hard to put up with -
Hope you'll be able to read
this hurried Scrawl. I shall be
glad to get away from the
Assembly office sometime the democracy
contact with that for a few days
Then wish I could run over &
have a chat with you. between
ourselves I'm feeling very sure that
the Govt has heart in some way
requiring to my work in the
Interior. No one could have questioned
them right - to do so. They have not
seen given me a £10 increase
Ah I'm beginning to quarrel

When does Mrs Spencer leave
for England? He tells from
Byron's yet has a queer
fellow. Must close now it's
past 11 & my wife wants
to know if I'm going to
stay here all night.

kindest regards to Mrs Spencer
& Miss - the class girl - I forget
her name - Love to the
Redden's & family

Ever yours truly
F & G