

Monte

From May 1900

My dear Spencer

Looking over your last letter this morning I was surprised to find that it has been in my hands nearly six weeks.

Your proposal about going north next year has given me constant thought in fact it has worried my soul care & much as I should like to go I cannot at present see my way clear. There are no difficulties in the way one - which I think could be overcome by a little persuasion from you - is that my wife is much against my going & in this she is backed up by all our friends. The other & possibly

but difficulty is the quarters  
of funds apart from expenses  
of the trip which even if the  
Govt helped us would be very  
considerable. I should love £120 in  
Salary provided we remained  
may 12 months - to go for a  
fewer period would not be worth  
our while's - I don't in the least  
mind cutting out my <sup>salary</sup> trip, I  
I am not likely to require it  
for any other purpose besides  
I should in any case gladly  
sacrifice it if by so doing our  
word could be extended to the  
Northwest Coast. I have turned the  
whole thing over & over - until I am  
sick of it. The more I consider  
it the less chance I see of  
going. To do the thing properly

should cost about £1000 to spend  
Stores flour tea Sugar tobacco  
Drugs of Tomahawks Amos & pipes  
I should be sent in ahead to each  
Station beginning at say Barrow's  
first. If we were without stores  
& depended upon what we could  
get at the Telegraph Station we  
should never be able to keep the  
blacks together. I don't think the  
Govt would object to giving me  
the additional 24 months less & on  
that score I have no anxiety the  
difficulty is one of fifty times  
I cannot afford to spend any  
money on the rest nor can I  
afford to sacrifice £120 of my  
Salary. I have no money represented  
outside my own household & I  
find it hard to live within my

my present income. I am  
afraid you will be disappointed  
old fellow but unless you can  
persuade some rich man to find  
the money & give us an entirely  
free hand I don't think there  
is much chance of my going  
like you. I feel that we should  
do the work & that only we two  
can do it effectively but I  
cannot sacrifice money needed for  
the education of my children  
merely to add a straw or two  
to the sum of Ethnological knowledge  
- By the way are the Anthropo-  
people at home ever going to  
acknowledge our work in any  
way they made Stebbing one strong  
fellow there is ~~no~~ no doubt about  
this for I asked him about it one

may return from Melbourne.  
 Just on the off chance of going  
 it I have written to some of  
 the fellows up there saying that  
 we may be along in two months  
 & asking them to let the Niggers  
 know - they should be prepared long  
 ahead to expect us if only  
 as Corle would say to give them  
 time to invent some habits &  
 Customs - We just to hand  
 announcing Capture of Johannesburg  
 Cheer after cheer in the streets  
 & all busy hauling up flags  
 many of which look as if  
 they as if they had been  
 shorned at by shot & shell during  
 the whole war - What a great  
 little man is Bobb there is  
 something in the Irish after all

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Ferdinand's given for Metallurgy  
called on me last week he has  
been going over some things  
Smelling works latter managed by  
L. C. Cloud. Ferdinand is the  
man who "one shows a man  
named Gillingham" he is an  
Enthusiastic Photographer & was greatly  
interested in my albums.  
We are joggling along here very  
quietly & life is very comfortable &  
here it was for the excitement  
of the war. I don't know how  
I should have got through the last  
6 or 7 months - but I feel much  
occasionally but Regras was a  
line I hear the latter is in good  
form & consulting was to close  
months ago to the old country  
I'm afraid that there is change

has but been rather hard. My  
Stocks has depreciated over \$150  
in value since I saw you in  
Melbourne. That represents actual  
loss on purchasing price. That  
loss has depressed me a good  
deal & I think my taste for  
debbling is at an end. I have  
never known a more desperate  
unfortunate as I am in share  
trading - Six months ago when I  
bought Progas I was secured by a  
high authority that they were an  
absolutely safe spec for a big  
rise in the near future. I bought  
at 87 1/2 - & today they are 54. &  
still falling. Three years Education for  
me of my boys & gone in one  
fall. I hope the Company will  
cover obligations & add my rest

Copious enough to express my  
feelings I wish I could run over  
to Boston to see you at once  
I feel that I want Chastening-  
Kingston has been much to the purpose  
in London & I hear that he has  
very favorably impressed some of the  
political giants. His defeat for  
the Legislative Council is a real relief  
to all who wish to see him  
representing the Colony in the present  
Federal Parliament he will certainly be  
in the present Federal Parliament & I shall  
not be surprised to see him <sup>prominently</sup>  
as a leader he is more energetic  
than Barton. He will surely head  
the party in this Colony for all  
purposes are supporting him. Holden  
& Batchelor two members of the  
present Parliament are going for Federal

house & after they go Gordon will probably take the premiership with a seat in the lower house.

I am anxious to know if you saw him in Melbourne he has been up to his neck in ~~the~~ <sup>Electoral</sup> work since his return or I would have written to him.

What do you think of Salisbury's attack on the Irish? I was glad when I heard of the relief of Mafeking but I shall be in the seventh heaven of delight when I hear of Salisbury's fall as fact he will after this war ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~world~~ <sup>world</sup>. He has deliberately gone out of his way to insult the Irish race & he committed his unpardonable offence just when the grand old Queen was dying.

you care Mr. to send you some  
it shows how the production of the  
Irelandy education of the best  
Education. I had about 1000 copies  
Now has been ten times more pro  
Now feeling in England than in  
Ireland during this war it is the  
sons of old Ireland who have  
brought the front of the fighting in  
Ireland, it is our 100. That the  
Salisbury's Speech has done immense  
harm in Ireland from a perusal  
of the Irish papers. he has  
provided a spark which more  
than any thing else will help to  
kindle a fire. The old Irishman  
for Home Rule & shall be partly  
surprised if during the war you  
find the agitation in Ireland  
with Parnellian vigor. Richmond is

an extremely able man & a great  
with Parnell's ideas & methods & he is  
the only man at the present time  
who has the power to advise the  
Legislature. That we should be subject to  
the British in the way of that has been  
the only way by the way of a  
person's personal conduct in  
Hastings is intolerable & you  
don't wonder that we complain of  
it. How you read Barry  
(Barrow) life of Parnell? If  
that I had no you would be sorry to  
hear that Lucia's name - the only  
thing you get to know about is  
at about Parnell during the English  
his was with some controversy  
for money spent he was very  
perhaps some shipwrecked



Lulu and my wife attached to  
each other. The poor old girl  
will feel his death keenly &  
she will have a hard time to  
feed her numerous progeny -  
McKay who arrived from Berrow  
last lately tells me that my  
successor Bradshaw takes little or no  
interest in the blacks he desires  
the duties of Protector & is trying  
to have the protectorship transferred  
to the local Police - The Country  
up there is in an awful state  
as the Ache they lost all their  
little herd of about 40 cattle but  
this I consider is simply the result  
of bad management. Mails just  
coming in so must conclude  
for my love to Chappie & remember me  
to all friends I am ever  
Yours  
J. G.