

Mount

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My dear Spencer

How nice to you old  
 fellow. Of course the news  
 of your real honors excited  
 me immensely - almost to the  
 point of apoplexy. On  
 receipt of your note I at  
 once wrote to Commodore  
 then scribbled Stirling a few  
 lines. I was bound to spread  
 the news & I know he would be  
 glad. My letter was the first  
 intimation he got but he had  
 heard, some time ago, that you  
 were recommended for the R.S.  
 Two days ago a paragraph  
 appeared in the Register to

That effect. I need not congratulate  
you again for you know how  
I feel. If I had seen the FHS  
report I could not but feel sur-  
prised. I should of course like  
to know had the Anthrop. detector  
but so long as you possess it  
your work has received sufficient  
acknowledgment & I am content  
to take some of the reflected  
glory - <sup>my</sup> fancy that in both men  
with whom I share, I have been associated  
in this work should be made  
known to the Institute where I  
am left without the fold! - Like  
you, Sterling, I should have had  
it, she is good enough to  
say that he is much disappointed  
I hardly think it is likely to  
come later on and our embassy

not going to worry about it.  
All the Scientific people will be  
delighted about your FHS. I  
heard many of them discussing  
it in Melbourne & some could  
understand why you had been so  
long untroubled. I wish you had  
the regard you do "the most  
brilliant Scientific man in our time"  
with a special regard to his  
importance very especially on the  
subject of the Gardens's Secret  
Paraschism which is planned. Since  
Sterling was the first to bring the  
news to you I am, a very kindly  
feeling for some time, forgive with  
feeling the affair. I am very glad  
some of you had to read it all  
over with him in view. His friend  
& I do not know how far

to be able to run across  
pat in a night or two  
with you. Now about the  
proposed Expedition. I am with  
you provided I can get leave  
about which I anticipate no difficulty.  
The Chief Secretary spent a couple  
of hours with me on Friday  
I mentioned the matter to him  
the thought Government would  
offer no objection to my going.  
£700 will I think cover cost  
but there will be no margin  
for extravagance. Stores will be a  
heavy item. Let me know as  
soon as possible how long you  
propose being away & I will  
get out & forward estimate  
of Total Cost including acco  
to me of salary out of

pocket & all travelling expenses  
 for the party. When you  
 decide upon the time likely  
 to be occupied - which should  
 not be less than 9 months of  
 work to be done thoroughly - I  
 will go to Torino & see the  
 Authorities & get a definite  
 answer about my leave. If they  
 will let me go on full pay  
 without encroaching on my long  
 service leave so much the better  
 if not then I shall go for  
 8 months & ask for an extension  
 to cover any excess of that  
 period. If Stirling or some other  
 representative of the University  
 Staff were to see Todd the  
 Premier & point out that our  
 Expedition is purely in the  
 name of the University & that we



relieve him of his duties +  
to appoint the Officer in Charge  
of Police, Brooks, Protector - the  
man more respected than Brooks  
could be found in the Country  
than not want his suffering a  
deceit. The Transvaal war is  
evidently fogging out & I am daily  
hoping to hear that the old  
Boss has surrendered. I hope they  
will treat him generously. He is a  
very old man & to sell him would  
be bad policy - Too busy to write  
more today & tonight we are going  
out to a card party. We are both  
sorry to hear that Mrs Spencer will  
have to leave home under such ~~unhappy~~  
conditions - Remember me to all  
friends Love to Chappie

I than the  
Yrs ever

F. G.

I enjoyed your last letter immensely & like to  
hear you get out on politics lets have more news