

Moorea
15th Sept 1900

My dear Spencer

Tell no word about my leave nor has Sir Todd replied to my request to visit Adelaide for the purpose of discussing matters with him. I want to put it to him that my going is conditional upon A - payment of £130 in lieu of School departmental emoluments

B That my wife & family are permitted to occupy our present quarters during my absence

C That my Brother in Law (Besley) be temporarily transferred from Eucly to the Station

D That my Senior Assistant who is a competent man is

appointed my Substitute - B.C. & I
I will not note the expenditure to
of an additional Shilling to the
Department & as a favour
offer must be sent here to
event, if my Senior Agent is
appointed, I must not
contradiction to my wife & they
should appoint Bailey - Your
views about prospects of finding
funds is very satisfactory
but I am hoping that half
of the amount required to pierce
by hook or by crook to
found here. If the expedition
is made a purely Victorian
venture it will be a reflection
upon the Colony - Our
papers so far have taken very
little interest in it. Sirley
entirely disavow and I hope
that if he did see nothing.

inclined to think that it would
be in condition that he accompanied
in - His influence with some
of our wealthiest men - this regard
him as the first Antislavery - is
very great, if he failed to
interest himself here would be no
financial difficulty - a thousand or
two from a man with River
Smiths & Sturgess colonial
men would be a drop
of water in a lagoon. If
Bailey show me in the Colony - he
is at home - I'm sure he would have
taken it up at once for he is
highly interested in our work.

When about your coming over I
shall be delighted to see you &
I shall be prepared to fall
in with whatever arrangement you
consider best: Traveling to & from
Broughton Straits is 130 miles from

Allcland will run away with
a couple of days - how long
would you be able to remain here?
If you would prefer the meeting to
take place in Allcland I could go
there ~~put~~ at the same time and
my wife provided you could defer
coming until say the first week
in October. Until the money
difficulty is finally settled we
come to nothing. It is too late
to send stores with the God teams
but stores will be no difficulty in
getting stuff sent through to Dawson's
freight at any time. Whatever stores we
shall require at the Alice we can
get there at reasonable prices -

Stores for depots near the settled
districts of the Territory could be sent
from Darwin - but all this detail

can be fully discussed when we meet. I am doing a little to slow up the authorities about funds.

The Argos said your episode of starting in February which I think would be much better go in April when we can travel in comfort without the infernal flies & mosquitoes not to mention the risk of my dying of heat apoplexy or summer bacoon - After the winter we shall be in good fettle & fit for anything but really facing the summer straight away frightens me - I'll wire you when I hear anything definite & will write particulars of my interview with Todd whom I hope will prove sympathetic although I'm not quite sure. It's a funny old Chaps & it was a wise diplomatic stroke to ask his assistance -

I'll let - you know my Town
address -
Stanhope
Yours ever sincerely
T.G.S.

Oh please congratulate Sargent
for me I was delighted to hear
of his success - What does Howard
think of the Gordon & Fison?
Kobs of love to the kiddies

PPS - I heard today from a
reformed Mounta Maquale that
the impression in Parliamentary circles
in Adelaide is that the petitions
are finding funds required!
T.G.S.