

Aboula

Sunday Night

Sept 16/1900

My dear Spencer

I am enclosing a cutting from yesterday's Register. So far no official intimation has reached me from the Govt - as in the ordinary reel tape course it will have to come through Sir Hans Todd. I may have to wait some days. I shall try to run into Town as soon as I get notice but may not be able to get away for 10 or 12 days owing to the absence on leave of one of my Staff - Keep me advised of any developments. Have written to one or two influential people pointing out that unless

about £1000 is provided by
some patrons of Science or
the Govt it is difficult to
see how we are to accomplish
the task set before us - I am
being bombarded with applications
to join the Expedition - I think
that word it sounds sonorous -
one creature is anxious to go
as Chaplain! If the cost of
the Expedⁿ is to be borne by
private individuals I should like
Vict: La to share equally in
providing the amount reqd, which
with all due deference to you,
I don't think will be much under
£1000

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Yes Sir

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How will be a very
expensive item landed at 1000 must have abundance
Tenants food will cost
about £35 of 40 per ton