

Moorea

My dear Spencer Sunday Sept/24/1900

Let me tell you I feel a bit  
uneasy about my leave there  
must be some reason for the  
delay & before I read your  
last letter it occurred to me  
that some influence might be  
at work to alter the constitution  
& scope of the Expedition.

If Hocking says anything  
to me about going with us I  
shall tell him straight out that  
I object to his going, he'd be  
heartily sick of the work in three  
months: from the tenor of his letter  
I think he wants to go & it may  
save trouble if we let him  
understand clearly at once that his

health they would submit me  
to the skeleton my own with  
very little compensation.

We will put in a few days  
in Adams Express. I do

we can go down to Largo

Say on Sunday have a quiet  
day away from the City.

Stirling may want to take

you - or both of us - to Mr. Lott

about to answer or sorry

You are going to have your

rest gratified - Ask Mrs

Fambert if she likes to

Join the separation as my private

Secretary Mrs Sturtevant

Yours  
J. J.

joining in is entirely out of  
the question. I have a copy of  
the petition to send him but  
doubt he read it in the papers.

Cabinet meets tomorrow so that  
I may hear something in a day  
or two. Friday afternoon I shall  
interview Sir Charles Gordon.  
- If only the former is  
sympathetic he <sup>can</sup> do a great deal  
to smooth matters for me -  
Gordon is the one man in  
the Cabinet who takes any real  
interest in our work with  
his influence. I hope to get  
the £130 - perhaps a trifle more  
for insurance - from the Govt  
I have no qualms about mistaking  
the State Cox - across whatever. The  
State has never done any thing for  
me & if I returned broken in