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My dear Spencer

Yours to hand I have sent  
cheque on to McMechan; and  
for tuncore not yet to hand will  
& beg them to send it to me.

Mr Todd notes "Referring to  
your minute on Mr Brown's letter I  
have returned the letter to the Govt  
with your minute; but I would  
suggest that you & Prof. Spencer  
might communicate with the  
gentlemen who are promoting the  
Expedition & suggest that a series  
of questions might be drawn up  
as you propose (!) I have written  
to Mr W Graham of Eves Sandpalew  
who was for many years in this

Department - one of its <sup>best</sup> ~~best~~ officers.  
& you or Prof Spencer could write  
to others having who have lived  
amongst the tribes. Shall I reply  
to this? Can you send me photo of  
headboard says a good one  
to be put in at a cost of £5  
I am however rather disinclined  
to close with him until we have  
had time to look around a bit.  
I am not in love with head  
boards they are infernally rough  
to ride in & hang heavily in  
Sandy country & if we can  
secure an about buggy at about  
the same figure I think it would  
be preferable. Johnston who has  
just returned to Tom has very  
kindly offered to look around  
the town shops he knows exactly  
what we want & from his long  
fresh experience can be relied upon

to choose a suitable vehicle. I will  
of course communicate with you  
upon making my purchase -  
Mr Hills recommendations I have  
purchased for £34 4 horses -  
two good riding saddles & two  
padded saddles the town out belongs  
to a man who is well known  
to me for Odnadalla & from  
there the horses & tackling will  
be sent back to Byron -  
Field describes ~~the~~ two of the  
horses - mares - as good baggy  
one good head & one small  
so that I flatter myself we  
will have begun well by making  
an excellent bargain. Field  
would not recommend any thing  
invaluable - I hope you will  
approve - Why didn't you give  
me your opinion of the pictures  
I much wanted to give it

into old Reid who's lecture  
last night on Othello was a  
treat. He's a cheery old chap  
takes a whiskey pipe & spent  
a couple of hours with me  
in my den this morning when  
we quarrelled almost to the  
point of personal violence on  
the Irish question & Gladstone.  
His opinion of Fitchell is  
nothing but flattering -

~~His~~ Carr partner is Charles  
H Warren a real good fellow:  
he's disagreed with me for not  
going to his house while in  
town & hasn't sent me a line  
since I returned. Johnston tells  
me <sup>in confidence</sup> that the the Pt Paris appointment  
is virtually narrowed down  
to two - Spencer of Pt Lincoln

who was my predecessor at Alice Springs & myself. Skinner is the Senior man & will I think get the appointment but if they finally offer it to me I hardly know what to do. What do you think about it? I have an idea that Todd wants me to go there.

The Govt has written officially informing me that I am to be paid at the rate of £400 per annum during my absence.

I have written to the Registrar in terms of your letter & send along a cabinet photo I'll send it in with ~~the~~<sup>mine</sup> - information about Trip so can be given to them in Adelaide before we start or if you think it ~~is~~ advisable send out notes

& I'll send them in. I think they should be told that you are going to do Zoological work. That fellow Hardy has written a paper to the Times repeating his suggestions about a Prospector he refers to the Age in connection with you. I'll send it as I receive it. "Crops" farmers' effusions feel very flat. I should like to have heart-kingdoms handle any member who was foot enough to act upon it. "The Cornhill" say the Kadana "Plain Dealer" ridicules the Depedation says it will not touch it. Humanity and show & honesty hints that we are insane to go upon such a worthless ground - Don't poison yourself with that trashy rap.

if it has the effect you describe it could be good for you - let the men do it when it takes a bit longer. Why don't you spray with a solution of Conover's Sublimite. I notice that the works have left my hair things severely alone since I clipped them in that solution. Love to the Ladies & kindest regards to Mrs. Spencer. I'm rather pleased that they are not going home. I presume Mrs. Lambert will take up her quarters at Hammondsdale during your absence. I'm sure she'd love it. Sincerely

Wm. G. G.

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