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My dear Spencer

I dreamt that we dined on
 marble halls⁺ as a result of
 our clearing up the mystery
 of Lecharade's fate: a very vivid
 dream & the hope grows upon me
 that we may be the chosen
 instruments - the locality - east of
 Powell's Look - just think of what
 it would mean to us (I've
 almost tempted to get the relics
 manufactured here & send them
 ahead to be discovered later on!
 just what folks would say we had
 done if we did find anything)
 & how splendidly it would bear
 our foot & your projected work
 which by the way I hope you
 + fancy Chippie in marble halls!

will make a reality there is room for the old fellows he drops in one
for such a book, it would pay or two mornings a week for a
upon are the one man in pipe some shades the pages
Australia who could do it through on very conceivable topics he
through the Austral Continent makes my blood boil when he
handles far from the maddening talks of Gladstone. Studied it
crowd with anthropological notes is to him about his conclusions
popular description of the habits on the New Zealand. You tell
fama by Baldwin Spencer helped me a great deal & people
H.S. - By all means you here who should his attorney
must do the old man. Read now feel that after all, Gill
is still here he is going to above has probably been a nice
course of lectures in the three zones one. I just heard nothing more
Nuclear Honolulu & Kaduna; one about your respectful Odeologist so
might a need in each, he finishes I assume you have brought him to
with us next week to mind up his senses - I - a him I made
the course gives a review of the he was not such though an
Merchant of Venice in which local Studman show enthusiasm is very
people take part. he wanted me to much so & dangerous too. Are
understand me? The characters but you only getting one half
I checked. See a good deal of plate camera? I think in what

have a couple - that Anschutz must
be a beauty - Are you going to
ask Holder to miss Burr Smith
to find the photographic reprint?
Don't think Lyne could object -

You forgot to enclose cutting
about your father send it along
he is a grand old man & I
should much like to know him.
It is a thousand pities that you
did not ask him to finance
the Expedition in that case we
could have dedicated the sum
book to him - Of course I was
delegated to hear that the
Magnum opus had paid a dividend
My only surprise is that ~~the~~
it is not larger I always told
you that it would pay - I at
once recalled some of it in
a well dress for the little trip

You will be glad to know that she
 is now quite reconciled to my
 going away - Ned Besley will
 be here some time in January
 & I shall be free to leave any
 time after his arrival. Chance
 rec^d official notice ^{to-day} that has been
 granted today but the Police
 Authorities decline to allow Mrs
 Chance to occupy the Police
 Quarters. I tried to get them to
 send a single man to take
 his place so that Quarters
 would be available for Mrs
 I hope to persuade the Manager
 of Moonla Mines to provide a
 home rent free as they have a couple
 unoccupied. The Northern tract is
 in a dreadful state & it is quite
 in the cards that we shall have
 to distribute horse feed along the

road to Alice Springs. A good
thunderstorm fell at Adaminig a
day or two after leaving I saw the
supply of water. Two of the
Abalabos in the Charolite Pool
filled but only 18 inches rain
fell at the Station. Barron had
had 23 ponds yesterday. According
to Russell's cycle of good bad
seasons next year should be a good
one I am hoping to hear of
heavy floods in January. Russell
travels a great deal & has found
some of his papers he appears to
me to possess his eye goes through
up to the belt of the paper is a
most interesting one. The horses I
bought from Sanderson will be sent
back to Charolite Water where they
will be cared for by Bygone. Sanderson
has explored 30000 miles of territory

unknown country that of the
Telegraph Line from Diamonds Peak
& only saw 5 Blacks! He describes
the country as a hooling desert
without a single permanent water.
The largest water met with was
a rock hole containing 25000 feet
Blacks on the Victoria River
are playing the devil's ladder
hand or shall not be able to
do much there. It is precisely
believed that Skinner of Melbourne gets
to Port Pirie, the tracks of the
postmark at Melbourne has crossed
at a meeting with which the Paris
man can be shamed. Some had
that they have not tried to
force it on to me although it
could have meant substantial
promotion, had this trip not
furnished up. I think it is fairly
certain that I should have got the

appointment - Paris is an
objectionable place to live in
& I am hoping to get some
thing nearer home when I return.
Adelaide papers state that Torbay
is leaving for Europe shortly I
wish he could remain until
Field comes down & gets his
feet fixed up. Squire has
gone to the Tennant returning
Must now close My
kindest regards to Mrs Spencer
& Miss Lambert - glad to see
that Mrs Council has got
through her 3rd year Chantry
Yrs ever
JH