

Just heard from
 Percy by wire
 that horses he
 bought are now
 at Charlestown
 farm but I
 will try to
 look them
 up
 Hospital
 15th Dec 1900
 when
 making

My dear Spencer

I hope you have survived
 the Bepstead ordeal I can
 fully enter into your feelings
 the idea of talking as guest
 at such a function would
 shatter me to pieces. Thanks
 for sending me Dixon & Roth's
 letters I am returning them
 herewith. Roth after all is a
 fine generous chap & I quite
 look forward to meeting him
 some day: I am glad you did
 not accept his offer to look
 through his mes: it is much
 better to start out with an
 open mind & if our results
 turn out to be on all fours

with her then we shall have
the satisfaction of knowing
that we reached the same
goal independently. I am better
& full of enthusiasm & very
characteristic that a day after
fellow he is. I am sure just
we keen as you about the
Cinematograph but I am equally
keen about the Phonograph &
shall not be quite happy
until we have purchased one.
If Haddon intends buying one
the purchase of the Cin: one
should get the latest improved
instrument. Have you had any
experience in working the
machine or not where are you
going to join it - Probably
Haddon of Revere Co in
Adelphi would help us in this

direction. I will soon be necessary
to fix upon a date for leaving
Adelphi so that I may give
you ample notice of when
we will be ready. I suppose
sending him on a fortnight
ahead when the time arrives
for him to start. I'll go
to town buy the teaching &
the few things left unpurchased
& send them on with him.
What's at Dodnadda's raising for
us he can look around & pick
up a few Sautaba horses but
I do not think it would be
advisable to purchase the full
complement to start with: he
wants we can pick up, as
opportunity offers, Sautaba ^{type} horses -
So for Johnson, he has not hit upon
a buggy, he was offered a

Suitable hooded About at 732
but advised waiting a bit on
the chance of picking up
something cheaper. Before he makes
any purchase I shall run in to
Tom & inspect the vehicle - I
am enclosing a cutting from the
Register, letter from a policeman
at Roper Bar ~~NT~~ after reading
which I came to the conclusion
that the Bar would be an ideal
depot: the Niggers appear to be
numerous, friendly, not much in
contact with Whites. I have asked
Chance who knows the Hoopoe to
write him saying that we shall
probably look him up. I
am also enclosing cutting about
the Museum in which you will
find something to interest you.
Fletcher secured me a complete

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Copy of Coelius for £2.5-
Coelus wanted £4.15- for
a similar copy. I am
anxiously waiting to hear
result of the Music Professorship
do you think Hall will be
appointed? Some of our
lady friends here are
much agog about the relative
value of the musical exams
conducted by Miss Coel Lind
thro their Examiners at the
Adelaide University. I wrote
Prof McHale a week or so
ago asking for his opinion
but he has not replied - Can
you furnish any information
on this subject? Let me
know as soon as you have
seen Mr Lyons or go straight
for £1500 tell him we'll return

any surplus - Have you seen
Reid? I did he talked you
about the Adelaide pictures?

Several of my friends here are
amusing themselves. Our sole represent^{ive}
at the War a splendid fellow
physically & had here last week
& rec'd an immense ovation. The
people fairly went mad about him
& he is being inundated with
presentations - Must close -
I hope all is well at Hamstead
Kind regards to Mrs Spencer &
love to the kiddies I love the

Yours ever

F.F.

PS / What did you do with
the 1st officers? They shd
be left at Oodnadatta - Sure to
get some in Feb'y or March