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Monday Night

My dear Spencer

Your letter received today
 cheered me up it is full of
 characteristic generosity & demands
 more than a line or two in
 reply but it is too late
 now to do more than tell
 you of my movements in
 Adeland. I had several talks
 with Field & Martin & both
 say that it would be folly
 to attempt to get to Alg
 without first. A Mr. Davidson
 who has just come through with

forward - The prospect is awful
but I think you I think we must
get rain. I must get away now
& relate my experiences to the
latter wife who is deluged with
blows. I think I should regard to Mrs
Spencer I should like to see you
Yours truly
J. S. Chance

J. S. Chance this evening
told him that he will be required
to leave Adelaide on the 15th Febry
he will take with him baggage horses,
four good horses full camp
equipment. His tent must be in
on the 1st of the month so that we
shall have to pay him from that
date. Taking a second baggage is out
of the question unless some falls. I
am going to wire Robertson and
his horses to be available to reach
Adelaide on 18th Febry

These are the only horses we shall absolutely
require to keep at present. The two horses now at
Adelaide will be sent down with Robertson's lot
& the remaining two will remain with Field's
horses at Mt Burrill until we can pick them
up - Write at once if you have any
suggestions to offer. Chance must apply for
his leave immediately

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Camels is of the same opinion
I have therefore ordered $5\frac{1}{2}$ tons
compressed fodder for distribution
between Old City & Amman
negotiating by air with Marsh
for its distribution. I have also
ordered 2 tons of homefeed - bran
& chaff - to be sent to Admadella
Chamer via there a fortnight
before as horses must be built-
up - especially the northern ones -
in that time. The quantity may
seem to you excessive but if
this is a surplus we can sell
it readily ~~at~~ without loss. I
am afraid you hardly realise
what this drought amounts to,
fouling can be shall probably
be shut in the Centre for some time
unable to move either backward