

Montana

Tuesday

22 Jan 1901

My dear Spencer

Marsh wishes terms  
 thirty pounds have to put  
 on "Special Camel Team"  
 This is reply to my note  
 enquiring lowest terms for  
 carting & distributing 30 Cwt  
 compressed fodder between OH  
 & H.G. The price is very  
 stiff & with cost of fodder  
 & cartage this item will run  
 into £50! What do you  
 think? my reply. To enable  
 us to get through <sup>if drought continues</sup> we  
 must distribute fodder, which,  
 if rain falls before we start,

would be absolutely wasted &  
unrecoverable. If we could postpone  
starting until 1<sup>st</sup> April or  
until a fortnight after rain - the  
fodder need not be ordered.  
Should rain fall any time in  
February we could still leave on  
1<sup>st</sup> March - I don't like the  
idea of making a bank of  
£50 but if we decide definitely  
to start on 1<sup>st</sup> March - rain  
or no rain - then we must  
provide fodder - I am content  
to abide by your decision so  
give me on receipt of this - its  
immaterial to me whether we start  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March or 1<sup>st</sup> of  
April - Borrowers Welcome Ho  
sent in their acct for £5-8-8  
to Borrowers there is a duty of  
20/6

