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18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1901

My dear Spencer

Of course I should not  
 say where the rain came I  
 had been expecting it daily  
 for a week & felt sure after  
 reading Russell's letter that  
 we'd get it. This morning's  
 record adds 2.66 at Nelly's place  
 4.88 at Porcelo Creek & 21 points  
 at the Tennant - South of  
 that none but they are not  
 done with it yet. Waggoner now  
 has come out on top over  
 these inferior rains he makes  
 a special forecast for the 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Snow day. Todd's opinion shows  
 I don't know in Adeline's case

£56 are not yet to hand down  
Kamat as at Oodnadatta has  
can be at Horse shoe Bend and  
good condition if we should  
to take them: Berley never no  
horses in North in sufficient  
good condition to hand down  
trial now the date fixed for  
for our starting forward is 19th  
March it may therefore be necessary  
to hire horses to avail us to the  
Bend & I am now enquiring  
through Berley as to what he  
for telegrams about horses here  
cost about 20/- I am anxious  
to avoid any delay at Oodnadatta  
one day there would be sufficient  
When in town I will order  
Proddair's mts fly tent for meals  
Camp Shaws I should cost well however  
So that you need not bring anything

of that sort with you - don't  
forget tent for developing photos  
- Now show me your proposed coming  
to Adelaide for upon a date to  
visit here & I'll get in on the  
same day - Saturday 9th or 10th  
or Monday the 11th would suit me.  
If you has few cheques from  
McCallum and on my share by  
Money order I want to calculate a  
Banking account here for my wife  
to operate upon. Chance will have  
require half his wages paid here  
monthly to his wife: I propose to  
open a personal banking account  
to credit R. J. Bailey's cheque for £7:10:0  
monthly he to sign cheques for the  
Spencer's full depositors "hand to Mr  
Chance. Bailey is to come down on  
Saturday & I go to town on 26th  
staying here on the 1st accompanying  
Chance as far as Hamley Bridge. His  
time at Oodnadatta will be fully

rather against having good ones.  
Should much like to stand  
Russell a bottle of No. 1.  
I have made all arrangements  
to get Chance may on the  
House miller the Commissioners  
of Crown Lands asking him to  
arrange to have a buggy four  
horses with harness put on  
board train on night of 28<sup>th</sup>  
or early on morning of 1<sup>st</sup>  
I have also hinted that we have  
no objection to the <sup>transporting</sup> of the  
buggy & horses over the railways  
Law has also had a hint to  
the same effect which will  
doubtless inspire him to whisper  
in the Steel's ear of  
Premier's Herald. The 6 buggy  
horses under offer to us at

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occupied getting things ready.

Sorry to hear you are feeling  
fagged & hope the camp with  
old French will set you up

I wish you would take more rest

All your friends think you

work too hard & I am not

the only one who is anxious

about you. You will be amused

to hear that at my request

Else Hamming wrote to the

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mother at the Convent of

Mercy last week requesting her

to pray for them in the

Interior. Imagine the dear old

lady's satisfaction at having

special attention given to her

prayers! We must go & see her &

I at any rate will add her

Missing. Strange how these old

alchemya supensions hang to  
pore - I am already provided  
with a miraculous medal  
a cat of Chompa which  
will guard me against all  
harm for the world I would  
not lose it It is the gift  
of my venerable father who  
belong implicitly in its efficacy

Its a funny story old  
man I am not sure that it  
will be equally interesting to  
you in other more quantity  
pathetic old supert leaves have  
pained away for ever. I have  
written that I could believe  
as my poor dead brother  
believed - I'll away I have  
a small horse & if anything  
fish & worms up during the

stay in Limerick & I will find  
Byrne avoid today riding  
if I wanted a first class horse  
they will go right through  
with us - I expect 400 - He  
must have one German will buy one  
shown as can depend - Send  
along your Cabanes photo &  
notes about trip for the  
Register - Shall order 2 or 3

Leinas hammocks they will be  
reg. d in the net room separately -  
your horse has just arrived as follows  
can supply one good buggy  
horses to avoid you a horse  
Spur Brand for £15 - horses in  
good condition or can buy  
at £10 per head - I should  
be glad to have the horses  
as the figure stated returned  
close with offer but head

about spending money on my  
own responsibility now that you  
will in all probability have to  
know the cost - By this arrangement  
we can accept Robertson's offer  
of 8 head delivered at Three  
Shoe Bend in <sup>good</sup> condition for \$50  
& they will be fresh just  
when we want them to face  
the heavy Sandhills. We are  
immediately on receipt of this  
saying "if you approve of  
having 'I don't care about'  
buying horses at O'D without  
seeing them doubt whether  
they would be heavy enough  
for our big buggy in the  
Sand. I was just going to  
close when this following  
note came from Pors "  
"Mail Contractor offers horse for

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to those Stone Band Tractors  
pounds but horses low in  
condition" - fifteen pounds is  
stiff but we cannot afford  
to waste time haggling and  
along your reply <sup>by wire</sup> promptly  
old man let me have a  
line to follow - Steam the

Yrs ever  
J. H. G.

- When replying let  
me have answer to all  
questions

J. H. G.