My dear Gillen,

I hope things go well with you. Yesterday, I had a not forwarded to me by Mr. F., in reply to the for him to your Chief Justice again asking him to use his influence on your behalf as I had written before. The C.G. replied that he was informed that your actual salary was not reduced but that certain allowances were being taken away in accordance with a common policy to be pursued all through the State. I outline you have not heard anything more. Mr. Balchler promised me to look into the matter and consult the Commissioner but what does the latter care about such matters as equity? However, from this I feel sure that if your claims is a latter adjustment
will be recognized when one becomes available. Meanwhile he is at hand and comfort but I do not see what more can be done just at present. Our friend R.M. is sincerely doing through to the West. Many he has been sent to the U.S. for, to investigate charges of bad treatment of the native. We will be here on Aug. 15 but only for a few hours.

We have been having a very heavy exam from 8 - 11 a.m. I shall be glad when it is over at last. Thus a few days a week I have been at it from 9 - 5:30 teaching without a break on one day a week a lecture for 8 - 10 p.m. Besides I have been in first rate form.

Also I am very busy with Senate as we have an important matter dealing with a new scheme of examination of which I have had as President of the Board to take charge. Indeed we had a Senate meeting from 4:30 - 11:15 p.m.

The Senate contains some ex-Governor people whose only idea is to destruct, obstruct. You work away for months holding conference galore with solicitudes of commercial people, thus expect others, then gentlemen who knows nothing about the matter at all to work to pull the whole thing to bits. However with one important exception which can still be remedied we got the scheme through after much wrangling with all changes in small details. I had to explain clause by clause over my objection brought up. If you see how hard work more especially as it seems none of my colleagues want against as I told them to much to my surprise in the case of Sydney with a group of insensible who always spoke anything tending towards higher standards of Education. However we had all the signs of good men an
our side—at 11.15, postpaid to
my Tuesday when we shall have
a final fight. I have just written
a letter to the papers on the subject of
a Punish Exam. I will send you a
copy.

To turn to this matter. I am
afraid that Stanley is rather anxious
at not getting the K.C.M.G. this year. I
thought that he was quite sure of it
but Mr. Deakin told me that the Home
authorities were now very much more
particular on the matter of granting
Honours and I am sure it to be more so so
that only a few would be given each
year. This is evidently a fight
onyr or in regard to this between the
Commonwealth and the State authorities.
The State authorities cannot
recommend directly that apparently has
to be done by the Commonwealth but
the "official" initiation comes through the
"State" people. Mr. Deakin told
me that the Federal Cabinet had
recommended one or rather that he as
Prime Minister had cut the actual
initiative of the honors came from
the Premier of Victoria! I felt sure
that next year you will get the D.S.O.