May 8.

My dear sir,

You will think me
interminable. But,
it suits me better to
make the Arunta of
all known men, the
most "thoroughly primitive."
Of course they are as far
from primitive men, as
we are from the Arunta.

Not in your book. (p. 36.
Note) you remark on
the uncertainty of
the Totem is the most primitive, indeed the primitive arrangement, unless (as by Naugomir's tradition) inter-Totem endogamy is seen. The primitive rule I cannot find but whether the
Arapahoe are as an
exophysics as well as
Naugomir don't put their Totems. But as in your viewing they are
decidedly the more
arciute tribe, Totem
regulation of marriage ought
to be more archaic than its absence among the more advanced

Bronte. In Wagen count argues the Mr. Brown are advanced ( in

adopting Totem

regulation) "where it

suits my theory and not

where it does not."

He means in reference to

the Mr. Brown's

primitiveness. I merely

all this has occurred
to you in my head,
till we know more of..."
The Matabele. I think
system-making
premature; but I have
not laid this object in
before him. Nobody is
very fond of objections.

Yours very sincerely,

A. B. B. H.