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My dear Sir

Accept my very sincere thanks for your letter and the photographs. Both of them interest me deeply. The abstract of your paper on the totems, which you so kindly promise to send me, has not yet reached me. I look forward to reading it with much interest at present I am so occupied with work that I cannot enter into the details of the questions raised by your letter. I will only say that the totem system among the tribe you describe seems to be very peculiar and to differ in some respects from those of most other tribes known to us. It is all the more important that the system should be described as fully

as possible. I hope to write to
you at length before very long
when the immediate pressure of work
is over (I am bringing out a book
next month). My object in writing
just now is merely to ~~say~~ thank
you for your letter and the photographs
and to say that I have communicated
with Messrs. Macmillan and that they
are ready to publish your book on
condition that it does not exceed
about 500 pages and that the number
of illustrations to be inserted shall
be left to their discretion. If you
agree to these terms, the matter
is settled. Mr. George A. Macmillan,
the partner to whom I wrote,
suggests that you should communicate
direct with him. From my experience
of Macmillan, I should say that

they are excellent publishers to deal
with, always ready to consider and
agree to any reasonable proposals that
an author may make to them. Mr.
G. A. Macmillan seems fully to
realise the importance of your forth-
coming book, and I do not suppose
that they will shrink you in the
matter of illustrations or strictly
limit you to 500 pages. The advantage
of publishing with a firm of
the standing of Macmillan is obvious.
The terms he mentioned were, I
think, the usual ones — the publishers
to undertake the whole risk and
expense and to share the profits equally
with the author.

But I must not write more
at present. Please remember me very
kindly to Mr. Fison and thank him
from me for his letter which was,
as usual, most interesting. I shall

hope to write to him at length
when I have leisure.

With very many thanks

I am

yours very faithfully

J. G. Frazer.

I found your contributions to the report
of the Horne expedition most interesting,
but have not had time to do more
than skim that book.

Please say to Mr. Fison that Dr.
Jackson will, I am sure, read his letter
with delight, confirming as it does a
theory he has long held. He is not
in Cambridge just now, but I will
show him the letter on his return.