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We look forward to seeing you at
The Albermarle Club 37 Dover Street
No. 1 Brick Court Middle Temple, E.C.

15th Dec. 1916

My dear Spencer on Monday 18th at 7 p.m.
morning dress.

Thank you for your letter just received

I was delighted to hear of your being in England, and I look forward eagerly to seeing you and having a talk with you. I would not miss it for much. My Wife has already written proposing various dates for you to come to us. You must not go without seeing us. I wish to talk to you about various things, particularly about another anthropological work which I wish you to write - a sort of general view of the social organization and Totemism of the Australian natives, giving us after F.C. had written this, and his old I almost gone to - but I think

your mature views on the subject, with criticisms of the various theories that have been propounded (Darkeheim's, my own, &c.) and a ^{indirectly} consideration of the questions raised by Rivers in his Social History of Melanesia, with regard to the homogeneity or heterogeneity of the Australian race, the diffusion of culture in the Australian and neighbouring areas, the progress or degradation of culture among the Australians, &c.

The book should be a statement of the general conclusions which you have reached on these topics as the result of many years of observation and reflection. It seems to me that science has almost a right to ask such a book from you. Think of it seriously.

I have contrived to catch

a cold which has confined me to the house today and will probably confine me tomorrow also, so that I could see you any time you cared to call. But of course my wife also wishes much to see you and would be sorry to miss you. She is out just now and I am not sure of her movements tomorrow.

Counting on seeing you some time without fail, and with kindest regards

I ever am

Yours very sincerely
J. G. Frazer