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16th Oct. 1882.

Dear General Pitt Rivers,

The November number
of our Journal has just been
completed, and I shall
immediately commence the
preparation of the succeeding
number, which will include
your Boomerang papers.

In fact I called at the
Rooms on Saturday, and
helped Mr. Bloxam to let us
have all the papers which
are in his hands. I do

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not know whether he holds
your Ms., but if it is still
in your hands I shall
be grateful to you for it.
Now as to the illustrations.
It seems to me such a pity
that your artist should
first draw the objects on paper
and the lithographer then copy
them on stone. It gives just
double labour. If your
draughtsman cannot work
on stone, or on lithographic
transfer-paper, why not get
him to draw what you want
as line drawings on paper,
and then have them transferred
to a wooden block by one of
the photographic processes.

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This is a cheaper and more rapid process than lithography; and moreover it has the advantage that the blocks are always in your possession, so that they can be used in any other paper at a future time, whereas if the lithographic copies are on stone he rubs off his work after the interval of a few months and all his labour is lost! Only your artist must remember that the photographic processes can only reproduce lines, and all shading must be represented in this way. A wash of colour, or a number of lines running indistinctly together, cannot be permitted. The pen & not the brush should be used.

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Our meetings commence on Nov. 14, and we ought to hold a Council Meeting a fortnight before, namely on Oct. 31. Can you favour us with anything for the first night? Dr. Parker, who has been for 8 years in Madagascar, as Court Physician, has called upon me with a paper which he wants read on the first evening. But it will not take more than $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour to read, and therefore I want another communication. Moreover Philology is not a very attractive subject to open the session. Do pray oblige us, if you can, with a short communication to start with, and then Dr. Parker can follow. Very faithfully yours
F. W. Rudler.