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My dear Walter

The delay in my answering to your kind letter of 11th June which has been in my pocket some weeks is due to the fact - a very potent fact - that a little son has made his appearance, the first son & first appearance we not having been blessed with any children so far. You will be glad to hear both

mother & child are doing very well & we are a very happy family. You will doubtless forgive the delay!

What you write me about the map is very satisfactory & as I hear by the papers that the Tasmanian budget is a good one the Government may perhaps be good enough to let me have the required number of the layer maps. I am not going so soon to press as I expected as the publishers say it is not a book that will sell, hence I am pre-

paring to publish myself. The book will be issued to subscribers only in accordance with terms of prospectus copies of which I hope to send you by next weeks mail. Can you get me a few subscribers in Tasmania? Your help in this matter would relieve me considerably. Of course on no account must you subscribe yourself, but there may be a few wealthy people sufficiently interested to take copies & your personal knowledge of me & my work would be a sufficient

guarantee. Tylor has very kindly consented to re-write or add to the Preface as may seem best. There will also be considerably more illustrations than in the first edition; the size & get up will be different likewise & it will be made as handsome as the cost will allow.

Your remarks about Cotton's skulls is good - if only these could be measured in time for publication in the book & there is time yet.

Yours very sincerely  
 H. L. Pitt