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Dear Mr. Walker

Yours of April 24<sup>th</sup> to hand & I am glad to hear you have received Professor Flowers catalogue.

As I wrote you in my last I have been in communication with Sir Wm. Turner & he has sent me some particulars as regards the measuring of the internal capacity of the skulls. I am ordering a gauge glass specially for this and will forward it as soon as it arrives. It is very important that the internal measurements be properly taken. I may be able to send you the gauge within the next fortnight, that is before I leave for my holidays.

Regarding the story of King Billy's Head there are so many versions of it that it might be as well if you sent the correct details.

I am sorry to hear that you have been indisposed & were thus prevented from visiting Mr. Cotton. I hope you have fully recovered by now. On the other hand I am glad to learn that you have arranged with Mr. Johnson for some further notes on flints & shell mounds & also for as full a list of localities as possible.

I thank you also for working out the tribes; even if your list is meagre it will be better than the list that I have been able to publish. A map with the native names marked thereon would certainly be an acquisition. I had tried my hand at this when I published the first edition but I was not sufficiently satisfied as to the accuracy of what I had done & I therefore thought it better to leave out

the map altogether

In a previous letter I think I mentioned to you that I had obtained on loan a copy of your father's book & that I had managed to get some very valuable information out of it. If however as you say you think that you can get me more information out of his journals by all means extract them. The people having passed away every little memorandum is of importance & as your father was a very accurate observer his notes are all the more valuable.

Anything new as regards vocabularies or the hunting song you mention as being all new will add to the interest and value of the book.

Kelly's boat expedition round Tasmania you sent me some two years ago and I have made the necessary extracts.

I think now that when I receive the final remarks on the flints, shell mounds & their respective localities, & the matter mentioned above I should be in a position to set to & prepare the work for the press. I had started on preparation of the chapter on the flints - then your last communication containing more information rather upset what I had prepared so I thought I had better wait until I can get all in.

With kind regards and trusting you are keeping well again

Yours faithfully  
J. King Rother