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J. B. Walker Esq.,

Dear Sir

I do not know how to thank you sufficiently for the trouble you have taken in <sup>re-</sup>resenting the Bonwick enclosures & for the other attention you have given to me. I am extremely obliged for the photographs and also for your having gone to see the, what we may call, new native quarry.

Sometime ago - you said I must not mention your name in the new edition but after what you have done I must really give you credit.

In going through replies I observe that you are proposing to send me some further particulars amongst which are "Smoke code and Native Quarries".

With regard to getting the

skulls measured you will no doubt have received by now the copy of professor Flower's work which I sent you some two months ago. This book will I think give any medical man full particulars as to how to proceed with the measurements.

Regarding the ~~straightening~~ <sup>straightening</sup> spears by means of the use of the teeth I have a photograph of a picture in which a native is ~~straightening~~ <sup>straightening</sup> his spear in this manner. I will try and send you a copy. The original drawing is by Duterréan.

As to an English Tasmanian Vocabulary Mr. Tylor has been to the trouble to make such an one from the vocabularies contained in my book. I have not yet examined it but I am very much afraid it will be impossible at the present day to make a phonetically correct vocabulary on the lines laid down

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by the Royal Geographical Society.

I am much obliged to you for the notes on the various authorities. Having gone through the Bibliography should you feel that any further notes are necessary I shall be glad to have them.

My wife sends her best thanks for the necklace which she proposes to hang up in the drawing room.

I have obtained your father's book and am glad to say have found some very valuable information therein which I will embody in a new edition.

When you were at the quarry referred to did you find any pieces of stone which fitted into each other? Of those received I have not been able to make any fits.

Please accept my best thanks for the photographs. If the reproduction of these does not come in too expensive I propose to publish them.

Regarding the huts or breakwinds to which references have been made, what do you think of the tombs discovered by Pevon? Surely they are of quite exceptional character.

I note in your remarks that you give reference to the following works:-

Ellistown's Almanac 1838.

Knopwood Diary

Ross H. J. Almanac 1836.

But I am unable to find any library in England which possesses copies. Is it possible to obtain copies in Tasmania either by purchase or on loan?

Please accept our best

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thanks for your kind invitation but it is out of all question that we should pay you a visit much as we should both very much like to do so. I joined a Company a few years ago which is not doing quite so well as we had expected and I am consequently more tied than ever.

Will you kindly excuse this letter having been dictated instead of having been written personally? Unfortunately for the last few weeks my old trouble in my right hand has been very serious and it is as much as I can manage to attend to the

Office work.

Again thanking you most sincerely & with every regret that we are unable to visit such good friends

Yours very truly  
Hy Ling Roth