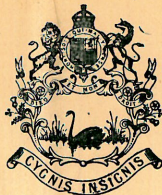


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ABORIGINES DEPARTMENT,

PERTH, 17th January, 1913.

CORRESPONDENTS WILL GREATLY FACILITATE THE TRANSACTION OF THEIR BUSINESS BY:

CONFINING EACH LETTER TO ONE SUBJECT.
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Sir,-

I have received from Rev. Father Nicholas Maria Emo, Broome, a letter in connection with native weapons, in which he states, inter alia:-

"I have here also some interesting native things for the Museum, with an old canoe of 20 feet long, but very curious for her shape, and strange repairs made by the wild tribes. In answer to a recent letter of the Director of the W. A. Museum, I ask him about this canoe, and I think it will be good if you take notice of the letter I wrote to him, and answer to my question, as I am in doubt if I am to send her on or not (in the affirmative I shall do it at the end of the bad season). For me this old canoe is a treasure."

I should be glad to learn whether you desire the canoe, and, if so, are you prepared to pay all expenses in connection with its transport to your Museum.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. D. O'Connell
S E C R E T A R Y.

The Director,

W. A. Museum and Art Gallery,

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