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21st May,

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Mr. J. B. R. Love,  
Port George IV Presbyterian Mission,  
via Broome.

Dear Sir,

letter

Your interesting of April 10th was duly handed to me by Mr. Alexander as the matters with which you deal are in the Department of Ethnology of which I am Keeper. Your description of the manufacture of spear heads is very lucid and valuable. The specimens to which you refer have also arrived and prove to be a most instructive series. As I have long desired to obtain the implements used in making spear heads, I was very pleased to see the kangaroo bones, and trust I am not asking you too much when requesting similar series illustrating the manufacture of the other implements used by the Wororra tribe. Could you also enclose (1) a hammer stone used in the first stage of spear making, and (2) a piece of the paper bark and an anvil stone so that the whole process could be illustrated in one of the cases in the Ethnological Gallery. A series of the dresses, etc., used in corroborees and sacred ceremonies would also be welcomed. The Trustees, will of course, be prepared to bear the cost of freight, etc., on any specimens you might send.

From the remarks made by Mr. A. N. Edwards, in the paper he prepared, which is now in my hands, I gather that you have some knowledge of the aboriginals of other parts of Australia, and that you take considerable pains to study these primitive and interesting people. I would therefore suggest that you continue the work you have so ably begun and lose no opportunity of investigating the religious beliefs, social organisation, manners and customs of these people before they come under the

influence of the civilisation of the white man.

I shall always be happy to give you any assistance that is in my power and if you record your knowledge in the form of a paper will endeavour to have it printed by the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain of which I am a Fellow.

Trusting to hear from you soon,

Yours faithfully,



KEEPER OF ETHNOLOGY.