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Gaseoyne River near Yalqao

Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for the two samples of native string, formal acknowledgements for which is enclosed.

any ~~objects~~^{articles} connected with the daily life of the blacks would be of interest, particularly the smaller objects usually overlooked by the "collector" such as (1) sticks used for making

- (2) fire & implements used in the manufacture of spears, shields, clubs &c (3) message sticks =
- (4) charms of any kind, (5) objects of personal adornment such as nose sticks, tufts of feathers & fur &c (6) stone knives &c used for making the spears usually known as "tribal marks" & for circumcising the boys

I should also like a sample of each kind of spear used round about your station, as these objects are rather cumbersome when sent complete ~~away~~ I may say that the head, a point, and about 12 inches of the shaft attached would answer my purpose for the present. I am engaged in working out the distribution of the various types of weapons & implements in N.A. and shall be very pleased to avail myself of your offer of assistance which will be much appreciated.