

Belair, South Australia

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My dear Dr. Kennedy,

It is now Christmas week, and one's thoughts turn naturally to the ^(13,000 miles) distant friends. Our journey from Ceylon, (where I wrote you) was delightful. When we crossed the line, Neptune came on board and held his Court. I enclose, as a Christmas remembrance, a proof of one scene on that occasion, hoping that it will reach you in good condition, and that, by means of a lens, you can make out the King and his Secretary.

After a few days in Adelaide, enjoying to the full the beautiful Botanic Garden, we have come to this place in the hills. Here we are in a Eucalyptus grove, with Acacias and Casuarinas everywhere around us. The adaptations to a dry insect-crowded country, are marvellous, and I am working hard at my notes during these precious minutes. Dr. Schomburgk, the aged director of the Botanic Garden, is now very ill and unable to see any visitors, but I shall wait for a few days hoping that I may take by the hand the discoverer of the Victoria regia. The Garden is very

I ask you to give my affectionate regards to your family and my kind remembrances to Dean, when you see him, (and, at your good judgment, to any of my friends).

I shall hope to write you again
when I reach Java.

Yours most faithfully

J L Gooden



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