

Aberdeen

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My Dear Macmillan,

at last I have got my copies. In Dec? I got one or two, & have ever since been in daily expectation of the rest. After promising to send them with special title page Mr Bates has forgotten, and I have written so frequently on the subject of these copies that I can write no more.

The inscription which I have inserted does not say

half of what ought to be said about the debt that I and exploration owe to you.

During the last two years I have been greatly disheartened at the difficulties that surrounded me, & gave up hope of ever doing more than smooth the way for a successor: but the generous praise of good judges has encouraged me to go on. The fact is that no one is ever again likely to have the oppor-

tinities that fell by my lots
and no one without them can
do what I now have become
by long toil able to do. It
would really be a pity that
my years, ^{study} should not get
the opportunity of bearing
fruit. Mowmisen has
received me most warmly
before the Arch. Zebelloch.
in January.

It is by the way a
most serious thing that
Munro & Tubbs have been

criticised so severely: I cannot
support their views, I expressed
similar criticism long ago.

Owing to utter want of genera-
lship all our enterprise in
African lands is being wasted
& will become a laughing
stock. I shall not be able
to contain myself much longer
on this subject.

I am
always yours truly
W. M. Murray

