My dear Macmillan,

I am writing only for fluency. It is due on Sunday, so I hope to start on Monday. However, I am very glad to hear such pleasant accounts of your scene in the Balearic Islands. When the letter came, I felt much flattered by the thought that we had arranged a very nice expedition for you and your work. We have been working very hard, and I feel we could carry out the work. It was by no means certain that a new member would be able to continue. However, a new recruit to the cause of exploration here was worth every effort to work for, and I think his letter. I have given him the most determined account of what he will have to do at the present time in the light of his own personal character; I have drawn him clearly to understand that as his willing, steady, and constant - the idea is, of course - I expect that we shall have enough with this £300 rent to carry us on till September. But perhaps in case of accident it might be advisable to send more to August 1.

Mommen wants me to bring a large inscription down from the interior (a two-ton stone with an explanation of Latin forms). The expense of this will be considerable, but will be all refunded by the Prussian Government, as soon as we present our bill. I have told him that we can contribute our time and work, if they contribute expenses of carriage, etc.

The stone is covered with a thick vegetation depopulated by water, and can only be treated by skilled workers, a Museum working at leisure. Perhaps after all it may be easier here, so that the work is great.

I have every opportunity, nothing would please me more than to write a paper for the Geographical Society on "Roman Roads," "English Railways in Anatolia." Yours ever,

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