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My dear Hunt,

I am very sorry to have delayed so long in answering your letter which reached me after my return from Bloemfontein . I hope you will write as often as you like only you must forgive me if pressure upon my time prevents me answering early . Thanks for telling me about your enquiries as to the formation of a Company for the T. L. I. I quite understand what you say the R. M. and yourself think of the matter. If by and bye you see any chance of succeeding and such a movement would be welcome and popular by all means take it up again .

I am sorry that drought has been so bad as to destroy the native crops . Of course if they require food they must go out and work and earn money to buy it. We cannot allow anything like starvation but if they thought we were going to ration them of course they would not work . Therefore you are quite right to point to work as the solution of their difficulties.

I don't know when I shall be able to get round your way . The new Legislative Council opens on the 1st of May and will possible absorb 2 months . We often talk about you and miss you very much .

Yours sincerely,

G. M. Lardner