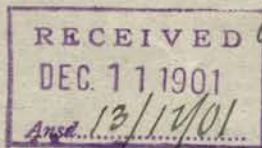


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S. G. Discovery

Lytellon

Dec 8th



Dear Sir

REG^d

In answer to your letter of Dec 6th containing
an inquiry by His Worship the Mayor of Christchurch
as to when it would be most convenient
for us to receive the Sheep so generously
given us by the people of Canterbury, I beg
to inform you that we ^{hope to} be prepared to
receive them on Dec 18th. Should we not
be ready by that date, we can no doubt
make suitable arrangement for their temporary
disposal in the port.

I take the opportunity of requesting that you
will convey to His Worship and to the
Subscribers ^{the} thanks ~~in the name~~ of the

Presidents of the Royal & Royal Geographical
Societies of London for their generous gift.

I feel assured that ~~they~~ ^{the presidents} will be extremely
gratified when they receive my report of the
practical sympathy which has thus been

extended by the Colony to the extent for
which they are responsible.

I only regret that I was not aware of such
a kind intention before leaving England where
more suitable arrangements could have been
made to benefit by it.

As however I have been informed that the
Canterbury people are still desirous of helping
the Expedition in this manner, I have taken
the liberty of recommending to the President
that our relief ship shall be better
prepared

In which case we shall ~~be~~ in the Discovery
and shall look forward to again benefit
by their kindness when we meet our relief
in the Far South

I have the honor to be

Sir

H.R. Smith Esq.
Town Clerk
Christchurch.

Your obedient servant

Robt Scott Captain