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Dear Williams,

I was exceedingly glad to have your letter of March 12th, which actually arrived here April 28th, which I think must be very good going for these times. It was good of you, too, to think of sending me personal news of a number of others who have been in my Department, as, especially at the present time, one is all too liable to get out of touch with their movements. Cornish is a very able man, and I imagine that his new post is very much better suited to his abilities than what he was doing at Adelaide.

The stimulus of war production ought to be, I take it, exceedingly valuable in Australia in forcing into use natural resources and capacity for which ordinary peace-time demands do not supply a sufficient incentive. If there is any one thing which we could usefully learn from the enemy, it is surely not to hinder and obstruct each other.

Yours sincerely,