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Dear Firth,

I hope you got my telegram informing you that the greatest part of the credit is spent and that I am afraid to exceed the credit.

I was really surprised to get a note from the chief of the Financial Department informing me that the amount of the expenses till to the end of December is £ 822.398. In a note dated from the 4th of January ~~last~~^{he} wrote me that £ 389.974 were spent out of the credit till to the same date. As I calculated that this amount was somehow too low, I did not dispose over the whole restsum of the credit. Nevertheless the last given account troubles all my calculations.

The enormous height of the account arose out of the fact that the expenses for the furniture of the expedition are much higher than I could expect. Further, the fare for railway and steamer transport of the workmen and the goods is given with a very big amount. I was not informed that this fare was so high, in the contrary, I thought that the Governmental Services have nothing to pay.

You know that the clerk given to me by the Service is really a stupid man who cannot give me any advice. In a letter sent to M. Lacau on the 20th of December I asked him to cause the Financial Department to inform me on the present state of the account, but I did not get this account before the 1st of February. On this date it was too

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late to dispose on the fonds of the excavation. I stopped the work as soon as possible, but as there is no money enough to pay the workmen and as the steamer can scarcely take more than 80 of them, I cannot dismiss all the 145 men at once.

I hope not to trouble you too much and that we may find a way to avoid the exceeding of the credit.

Please to your best that the money of the pay-sheets sent a week ago will be sent to me as soon as possible. Otherwise I am obliged to keep the workmen and to pay them till the amount of the pay-sheets will be arrived.

Would you be so kind and cause the istamara for me and my luggage to be sent to me; as I intend to stay at Luxor, I would be obliged to you if the istamaras could be given for Anibe-Shellal, Shellal-Luxor, Luxor-Caira separately.

Thanking you for your kind help, I am
sincerely Yours

