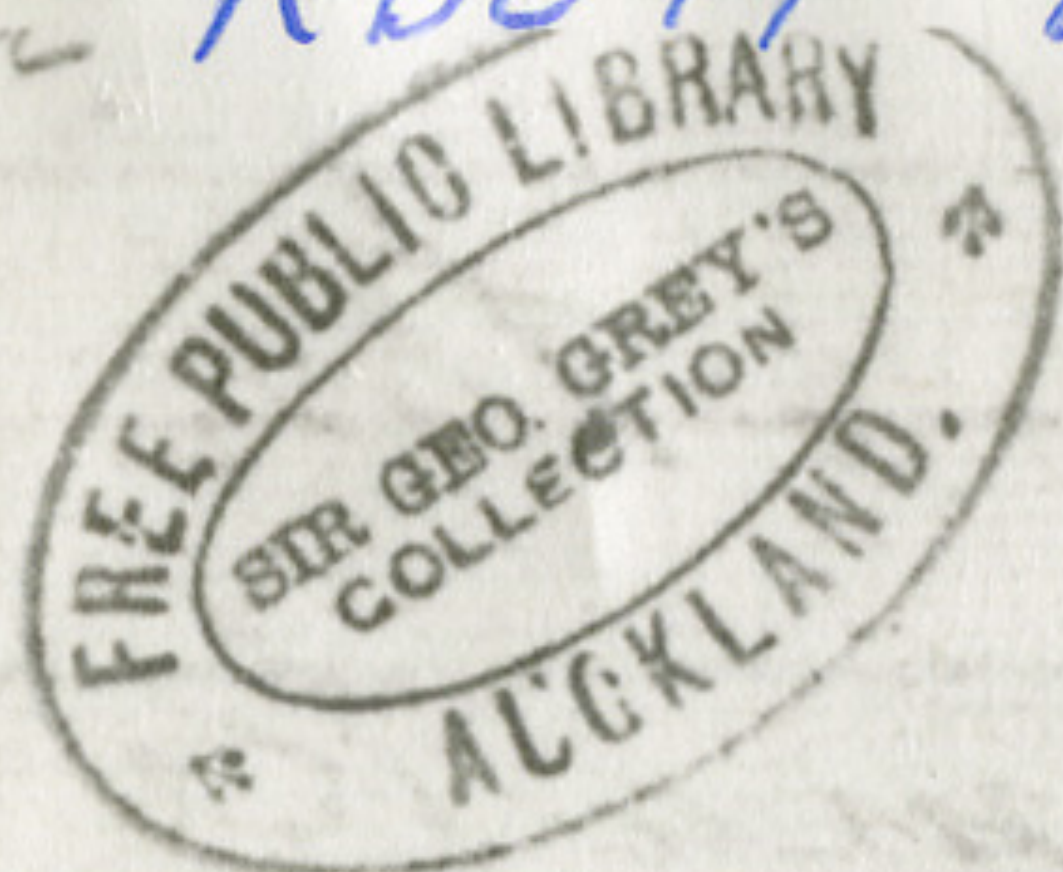


Cape Town⁵⁴
15 Nov. 1892

My Dear Sir George,
These being today an
opportunity, I only
send a few lines, as I
think it doubtful from
late reports, whether
you are still in New
Zealand. We are all well,
still studying with
much & might Bushman;
but in fear of losing
our Bushmen soon, as
they are very homesick,
and our researches for their
wives have yet turned out
failures.

further. Another two
years would make us
complete scholars. We
have now, I suppose, nearly
four thousand columns
texts in this language.
At the Library the Inven-
tory of your books and
manuscripts is drawing
towards its close. When
finished, I shall send you
a clear copy, if it
is not at once to be
printed. We are just
in the middle of great
political changes. Perhaps
in a few days the Mottens

Ministry will be installed.
Mottens Colonial Secretary;
De Villiers, an intelligent
young barrister, born at
the Cape who has studied
in England, Attorney General;
Dr. White Treasurer General;
Chas. H. Smith, a Scotch
Surveyor, and Fellow of some
College at Cambridge Minister
of Public Works;
Charles Brownlee, Secretary
for Native Affairs.
In the Transvaal, as
friend of mine, for whom
we fought, when the
Orthodox

Whodoe Party tried to
deprive him of his living
as Dutch Reformed clergyman
at Hanover, for denying
the personality of the
Devil, has become
President; and has made
a triumphant progress
through this Colony,
negotiated a loan of
£60,000, and installed
the Junior Counsel, who
had defended him here
before the Supreme
Court, as his Attorney
General. At Cape Town
they gave him a grand
Dinner

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Dinner, to which 150
people sat down. In
the Free State, President
Brand is very ill, and
fears are entertained
of his not recovering
again. - But I must
close. When will you
write to me; or let some
one about you write?
But best come yourself.
There is a new life in
the Cape, and the people
are gradually seeing that
the future you promised
for South Africa, can
be

be readed. Mary
continually ask me
to remember them to you,
especially my old honest
Jan & e We T.

With our love,
yours affectionately

W. H. S. Bleek