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My dear Sir George,

I was truly rejoiced to receive your very kind letter of the 22nd December last, which arrived here (via Natal) on the 15th inst. We both thank you much for your congratulations on my marriage. I was glad at the same time to hear from Layard that according to his letters you were well at that time. But to day we have again been frightened by the news that after your romantic and successful expedition at the beginning

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ning of this year, you had been taken ill. We are anxiously looking forward to later news, which we trust will be more satisfactory.–

As I had already said in a former letter, I have put all what is in any way private in the cases aside, and shall specify these articles particularly in the rough list of the Contents of the cases, which is now being copied. We have been very busy during the last weeks carefully packing up all the books, and at the beginning of next week the room will be clear for the masons to begin their work. After they have finished, and the room is again sufficiently dry, the bookcases will be put up. I have proposed having about sixteen glasscases with sliding doors, each case about three feet long, and nine feet high. The Sub Committee consisting of Messrs. Fairbridge, Frere, Tasker Smith and Sir Thomas Maclear have approved of this. I enclose a rough sketch of my plan. Modifications may, however, still seem advisable. For Example, p and o may not be fitted up for bookcases, but the door which is there at present, may be

be left. — As to private letters, there were none in the cases received, as I do not think you include the letters from the Authors & which are fixed in some books. Some notes on the margin of Mr. Banks's sermon and a manuscript lying in a Hymn Book appeared to me of so private a nature that I have enclosed them at once in this parcel. Regarding its other contents, the newspapers speak for themselves. They cost me nothing, except Snooke's Royal Journal, the authors of which I believe were mostly Printers, as Mr. Leopold Marquard (Examiner of Diagrams

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Diagrams in the Surveyor General's Office) who is considered as the leader of the Party of Progress here, gave me a treatise of his for your Excellency. Layard sends you hereby his Catalogue of the Museum. Thompson's Lecture (besides the Cape and Natal Almanac) is the only other publication I can get hold off. "Ye fighting for ye wedding cake" will be sent you by Fairbridge, who is one of the Authors, — at least is believed to be one. — I enclose in this letter a little Gleshineering

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squibb sent us from Natal by my wife's sisters. It refers to the election of young Robinson (Editor of the Mercury) as Member of the Council. It may perhaps amuse you to see it. — Politics run, I believe, very high at the present moment here, I mean, in Parliament; but as I have nothing at all to do with them, I should only be a bad reporter. The "Colenso" Controversy has been dormant for more than two months. His great pluckiness in battling with the whole army of Bishops seems to win for him now even the applause of those who otherwise do not agree with him. It shows the more the weakness of the other side. His third part was expected to be out either this Month or next. He writes in the highest spirits, and with the greatest confidence regarding his ultimate success. He thinks Truth must prevail at the end. — By last Mail I sent to Trübner the manuscript of "Beyond the Fox in South Africa" for publication. It is nearly in the same form as the Manuscript copy sent to you per "Susanne". The poems, however, have been put in as Mottos. Probably about three

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time (I mean, when this letter reaches you) you will also, I trust, have received a copy of my Latin Etymology from Trübner. —
Just now Father Smith tells me that he intends to write by an other opportunity, and send you plans of the bookcases, &c. He thanks you very much for your kind message to him. — Mr. Justice Watermeyer wrote to you per "Phoebe;" but intended to write again a few lines to day, if possibly he could find time after Court was over. — I have just

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got a copy made of the contents of two cases which may possibly not have been intended by you for this Library. They shall remain unopened till I receive your Excellency's instructions regarding them. In again unpacking the books I shall carefully muster through all the books &c to see whether still any private letters may be in them. I believe, however, that you meant some other cases, which have not yet arrived, and which, as I know, contained private letters, besides manuscripts and books.

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I must, however, close as the Ship is about to sail. - I have been pretty well, excepting colds, this winter; only I shall be a little anxious still on my wife's account for the next three months. She returns your affectionate regards, and trusts at no distant day to see you here again among us. With best love,

I am,

Your's ever affectionately & gratefully

W. H. G. Kelk