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Cape town, 24 September 1868

My dear Sir George,

The box which I send you
by the "Galatea" contains
a copy on best paper (well
bound) of Vol. IV. Part I. of
your Library, besides twenty
unbound copies, and one
in ordinary binding. They
are all presented to you
by the Committee of the
South African Public
Library, at whose cost

His Excellency
Sir George Grey K. C. B.
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This Catalogue is published.

Though I do know how very difficult it is for you with your manifold occupations to find time for any not necessary correspondence, yet I cannot but tell you, how much you may help me, if only by a word, either to the Trustees of your Library, or to the Library Committee, or even to myself, you would kindly express your opinion regarding the work which has thus been commenced.

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As it is, my position is at present greatly threatened. Already, as I believe I told you, my salary has been reduced by sixteen percent, and as I am at the same time unable to earn anything by extra literary work, - my whole income has been diminished by about one third. It will be impossible for us to manage with this, and I am, therefore, seriously thinking

thinking of going next
April or May for a few
months to Europe in order
to try and see whether
sufficient interest is
taken there by people
in the researches which
I am pursuing as to
render them willing to
afford me some substantial
aid. For this purpose I
am also pushing forward
my Comparative Gram-
mar as much as possible.
I have had some most encourag-
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ing letters regarding this
my work from Professor
Max Müller, Dr. Living-
stone and many other autho-
rities, - so I think it
right to try and persevere,
and, if I can by any means
manage it, not give up the
work, on account of which
I went to South Africa.
I know indeed that I
may fail in this, and in
that case I shall have
to select another career,
and shall possibly have
to dive into the sea
of

of politics; and though I know that even there I might possibly do some good, yet as it would probably only be doing work, which many another man could do as well ~~and~~ ^{and} better, it would be with great reluctance that I should adopt this course. Therefore, even though it cannot be done without a sacrifice of capital, we have yet thought it right to first see our way clearly before I surrender my scientific ^{and}

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and literary pursuits to the exigencies of bread and butter. In what way I may best hope to get help it will indeed be impossible for me to see before I have consulted my friends in England &c. If even I could only get one of those pensions of one hundred pounds (like Sir Th. Maclear got a few years ago) it would be a very great help to me, - and would in addition to the Library income, enable me to devote myself entirely to the care of your Library.

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partizanship has not made any difference to my philological correspondence with orthodox Missionaries of all denominations (as Bishop Tzer, Dr. Steere, Dr. Callaway, Messrs. Appleyard, Frédox, Tindall, Krönlein, Rath, &c), - I trust that a difference of opinion on these matters will not be the means of interrupting relations which have been based on a common interest in noble pursuits.

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letter very egotistical. I will, therefore, merely add that I send you the following books &c in the box:

1. Layard's Birds of South Africa, presentation copy.
2. Callaway's Zulu Legends Part IV, presentation copy.
3. Pamphlet on the removal of the Troops (presentation copy from Mr. Advocate E. Ben).
4. A Statistical Table;
5. A book on Fingru Exodius;
6. Two Gazettes, Voyages of the "Celt" and "Roman".
7. Bowler's Sketch of the Breakwater (presentation copy from the Harbours Board).
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8. The Entrance of H.R. H.
the Duke of Edinburgh (a tinted
lithography).

9. Monthly Magazine No. 3-9.

10. File of Papers since the arrival
of H.R. Highness.

Illness prevented me at the
time of his arrival from wit-
nessing the festivities, with
which it was celebrated. In
fact we have constantly led
a life of great retirement
ever since we married.

About a book which Julia
himself has put into the
box, - I can only say that I
should have sent it myself, if
we were not too poor to do so.

You will be very sorry to hear that
Mr. Justice Watermeyer was from late
accounts so ill in London, that we
must expect to hear of his death
by the next Mail.

But

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But I must close. My
wife desires me to add her
kindest regards,

Believe me,

my dear S. George
yours affectionately

W. H. J. Black

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