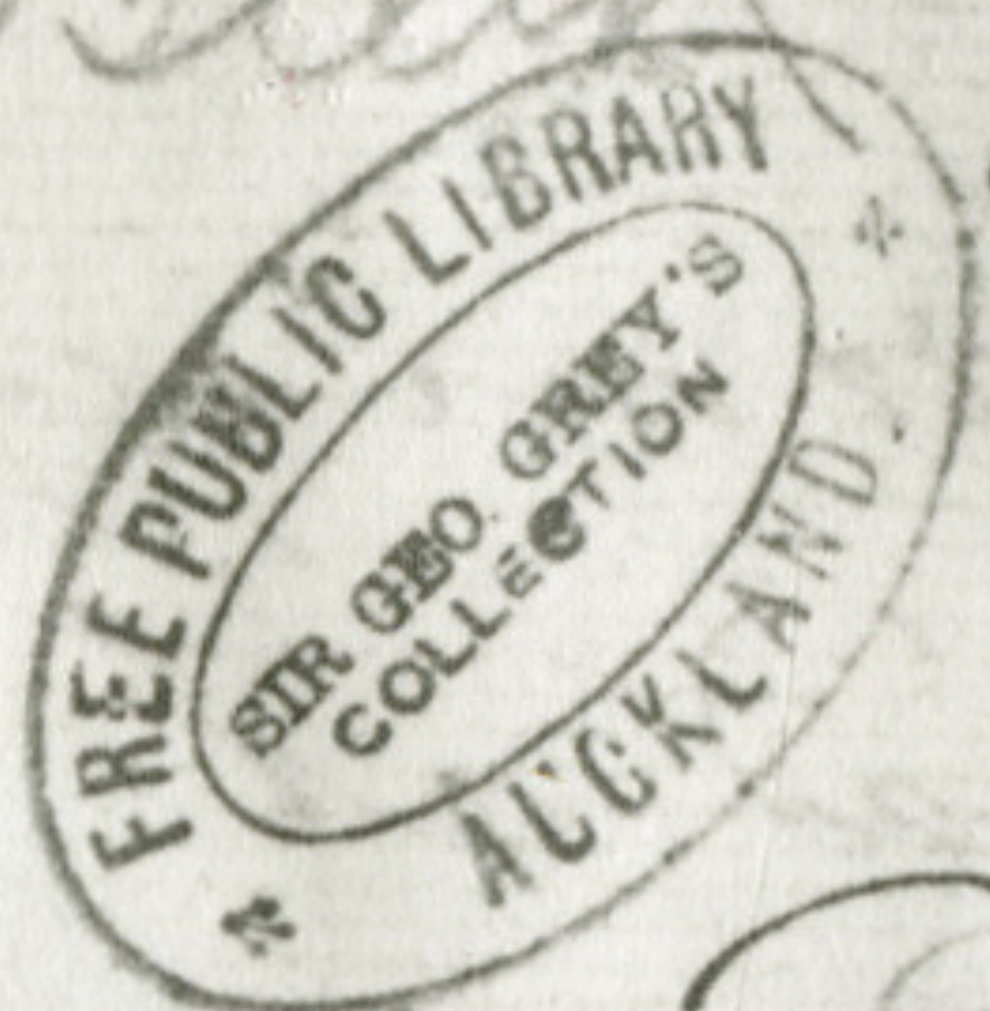




Berlin, Victoria.
29D
16 July 1869

My Dear Sir George,

Many thanks for your
kind letter of April 13th
which reached me about
a week ago at Bonn.
Our stay at Bonn was
only nine days; for, very
soon after our arrival there
we heard of a serious illness
of my wife's youngest sister
who was then at Berlin
staying with friends, and
soon afterwards the news
became

became so alarming
that we hastened at once
to Berlin. Here we are
staying with an aunt
of mine who is taking
care of her husband who
is near ninety years of
age. They are the parents
of that Professor Ernst Haeckel
who edited my German treatise
on the origin of language,
and has himself published
some most important works
on zoology. He is a great
friend of Huxley, Lewis,
Darwin, Lyell, &c. Besides
my relations, I have as yet
only

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only been able to see Lepsius.
My wife's sister is, I am
glad to say, although not
yet quite out of danger,
greatly better than she was
when we arrived on Tuesday
last. - The Mail from the
Cape which brought your
letter, has also supplied
me with fair copies of several
other Manuscripts of
your Library. I have now
with me Descriptions of
two Dante Manuscripts,
three Petrarchas, the French
Manuscripts of "Livre des Bonnes
Moeurs" and "Gouvernement
des Princes", the Flemish of
Sir John Mandeville. I am prevented
from

from sending you these Jewels
themselves by the heavy postage,
as they are written on thick
paper and can according to
the postal convention between
England and Germany only
be sent at letter rate,
but I shall not fail to
bring them to England
when we return there.
In fact, as by a mistake
they were sent after us to
Bonn from England, I have
been already heavily mulcted
by our post office. - To day
(17th inst.) I was at the
Royal Library, where they
spoke with great admiration of
what you had done, and were
greatly astonished by what I
was

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was able to tell them of the
treasures of your Library.
I received the kindest recep-
tion there as well as by my
other friends, of whom I have
now seen several. We trust
soon to return to Bonn,
but we cannot yet quite
foresee when. - We are of
course somewhat anxious to
know what fate my memorial
has met with. -

Believe me,

my Dear Mr George
yours affectionately
W. H. S. Bleek