had found a substitute for me. Since then I have not heard from him regarding this; but I believe that he finds it difficult to meet with any one who will suit him, and so hopes that I will hold on. I shall speak with him again, however, as soon as it is decided, whether the position which I hope to be put in, will be mine. In that case I must to make with him an arrangement which will only burden me with occasional contributions on certain subjects, on which he would not like to let those persons write, to whom the leaders in general would have to be written. He has two persons in view, 1st a Cape born advocate, clever, but of very decided opinions, liberal in general (but perhaps not liberal enough in religious matters), His views on native affairs however do not suit the paper, and as mine in this regard are more accordance, this department would probably, in case he accepted the general leaders, be left to me. – The other ~~[illegible]~~ party proposed is a Clergyman belonging here of course to the High Church party, – but very lax in character &c. He is a clever writer, and as he is rather in want of money I think he would ~~have to~~ do it, and would be expected to write as he was bid; but of course only in case no better person could be found, one would have resource to such a make shift. In the latter case, I should probably have to write on most questions regarding Church matters, which for the paper are of course those of the Dutch Reformed Church; i.e. only so far as they practically interfere with politics; as for example now when a party in the Dutch Reformed Church opposes railways because they are allowed to run on Sundays. The paper is to a certain extent the organ of the liberal party, also in Church matters, and as at the Synod of the Dutch Ref. Church which is held every five years and takes place in October of this year, probably an attempt will be made by the narrow orthodox party to push those who are more liberal out of the Church, – it is of course not unimportant to keep the former as much as possible in check. For this reason perhaps more than for anything else (I mean in order not to neglect doing what I can in furthering the promotion of liberal and enlightened views) I shall, if possible, not quite withdraw from the paper, but otherwise I feel no calling for this kind of occupation. The first part of my Comparative Grammar is nearly finished printing, and I hope next month to send copies to England. Another publi-

publication which I have in hand (part of a description of Sir G. Grey's Library) is progressing slowly.

9th June. My darling Mary shall I thank you for your dear letters which I received a week ago. All what you tell me, is of such an interest to me that I do not know how I can make me fully deserving of your loving confidence and trust. I so wish, I could fully reply to it all. But unfortunately I have only to day for doing so. I had many necessary business letters to write, which I considered it my duty to do first, before allowing myself the enjoyment of answering your letter; for, if I had begun at this, I am sure, I should never have come to the other. Besides, I have still to write my leaders, as the editors are unwilling to release me from my engagement, and as long as I have no fixed other employment, I do not like to break it off, except I could decidedly not stand the work. This is, however becoming easier to me, and I trust that I become accustomed to it. I send you hereby most of the leaders written by me till now, – not, however, asking you to read what will be mostly uninteresting topics to you, but to give you only an idea

I had to cut it on account of the short envelop!

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Capetown 9 June 1862

My own dear Jamie,

We may now in a few days expect the arrival of the Mail Steamer, and as yet I have not written a line to my darling; but you do not know how busy I have been. It is now soon a month that I have been engaged in my new undertaking, and as besides this other work pressed upon me, and I was at the beginning not quite well (as I wrote you last time), you will easily conceive that I was not well able to do what I wished. But first now regarding my health, which is at present as good as I could possibly expect. I feel again strong and able to work, and in many ways much better than when I wrote last. Therefore, I hope, I shall be able to send you quite good news in that regard when the steamer leaves. – My work has been reduced, however, to the writing of leading articles, three a week. I have given up discussing topics of the day, a light work for which I am not very fit, and which I found very troublesome, as it requires such greatly divided attention, whilst in a leader I can work out some particular subject, and give to some extent at least myself satisfaction. Of course this reduction of work has brought with itself a respective diminution of my income from this source which has at present been fixed at £120. I do not, however know, how long I shall at all continue in this occupation. The fact is, I have already a week ago given notice that as my health seemed not to stand it, I had better give it up, and that I would only continue the work, till the editor

more fully, I shall not say anything now about it, though I believe I shall still have to ask many questions. Only, one thing regarding your father. Of course I could not but feel in some way indignant and angry, though I do think, now when I consider all that I must share your present feeling with you, and try more to look up to him as your father than as anything else. I do not know, whether I did say to you in my last letter that I was not sure whether your father ought to be told before our marriage. At all events I wrote something of the kind in a hasty letter last month to Lucy (when still full of indignation regarding his behaviour at the time of her engagement to poor George), and, though she was, I believe, somewhat vexed by this my saying, she very gently remonstrated with me. I could write her, that I had very soon myself felt that I was wrong in these my hasty words, and that it had not needed her kind letter and your loving words to show me that. At the same time, I have repeated to her what kind forgiving words you had written regarding him, poor fellow, at the end of your letter. — Another thing about which dear Lucy was very sore, was my saying that, in case, at the time of your return to Capetown, I was in a position to marry, I should be very much disinclined, if ~~I could~~ you would agree, to let you go up to Natal, and not make you at once my wife; hoping of course that she at last would come to our wedding, &c, if possible. Regarding her remonstrances on this subject, which ~~were~~ (as you will of course know without my telling you) were made in a most loving unselfish manner regarding us two, I have told her, that if there were no strong reasons against it, ~~so~~ I ~~would~~ think it better that you should go first up to Natal, and say them all good bye; and that I then either would come and fetch you, or, if I could not, you come down with her, as she promised to do in that case. Of course, even this delay of a few weeks will be very heavy to bear for me; but as I can easily imagine that there may be many things which you two should like to say to each other, and which it would be better for your both's peace of mind that they were said, before you would by right stand nearer to me than to her, I should think it wrong, to let my selfish wishes prevail with you

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you. Something, however, will depend from the way in which your father receives the announcement of our engagement. I told you last Mail that she (Lucy) wished his not being told, before you were on the eve of leaving Natal for the marriage. She repeats this advice this time, saying that she should be sorry that he should hear of it long before it really could take place. I can, however, not see, how it will long be concealed from him, after you have told most your relations in England. I mean there is a great chance that by some combination of circumstances it should reach your father's ear ~~from~~ through third parties; and that would certainly be worse than if he heard it direct from you. I have asked Lucy to consider that, and to advise me again; relieving her, however, of all responsibility (of which she rather seems afraid) by telling her that I would not promise to follow her advice, but act according to my own discretion, when next Mail brought the enclosure for your father which you promised this. I trust indeed that all will be right. In fact, I feel somewhat confident, I do not know how it is, though I have made up my mind to all eventualities. Bye bye

what I really ~~seem~~ doing. I cannot conceal that there is a little enjoyment and satisfaction in it, if one sees (as I have already in some instances seen) that the suggestions thrown out by me in these leaders have proved useful, and have helped a little to disentangle some difficulties. I have not wished for this task; but as it has come by itself to me at a time when I could not well refuse it, I think it my duty to try to do my best. — But enough of this. I must be short, if I shall find time to say all I want to tell you this time, my darling female. Do you know, I feel a little anxious about your health, and particularly that at a time, when the doctor thought quiet of mind and body so very necessary, I should have troubled you for that account of circumstances, which you have given me in your Concise History, invaluable as the latter is indeed to me. I have, however, as yet only once been able to read it quite through, and as I do not think I have mastered all the circumstances, and should like when more leisurely ~~and~~ reading them through, ~~and~~ considering ~~them~~ it all

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at the beginning at all events, on their part I should not have felt much astonished, though it would of course have pained me, particularly on your account. But it is evident how greatly you are trusted and esteemed by them, because they have been so nice to you on this occasion. I have had a very kind letter from your Uncle Marmaduke, to which I have already answered. I need not tell you that I quite approve of what he proposes, and think it with him best and wisest to have your fortune tied up, and vested in trustees in such a manner that (during my lifetime) neither of us could touch the capital, except to the limited extent of £500, which the trustees should be empowered to lend out of it in cases of urgent contingencies, which I hope indeed will not happen. But as we cannot foresee the future and all what may happen to us, there may be cases where such a limited sacrifice of capital would be more than fully justified. On that account I left this margin which Uncle M. mentioned himself. He says in his letter that much will depend on your getting good and wise trustees ~~to take~~ at the Cape to take charge of your interests ~~at the~~ I have of course been thinking this over. It is not so easy, of course, to find such men; I have, therefore, deferred mentioning as yet any names to him. In an other part of the letter I have, however, (as the reference to the investment of capital at the Cape) mentioned something the Bishop of Capetown had done, and said that he was considered as an excellent business man. So, your uncles may not unnaturally perhaps think of him. I have certainly no personal objection to him, and do not think you have.

But on the other hand, as we both are not members of his flock, I do not know whether it would be right to ask him to take this trouble for such insufficients as he would call us. Besides, if we could rightly do this, or if he had undertaken to do it on your uncles' wish, it is not certain, whether he would not ~~[illegible]~~ together with it feel himself bound to do what he could to win us back to his Church, and our intercourse with him, might on that account become unpleasant. It is true I for myself have no great fear of this, but it would be certainly unpleasant, I fear, for you, and perhaps even harrassing, as he would most probably set every engine to work (he would think it his duty to do so) to work upon your feelings, and in the position which he would hold as trustee, you

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you could not so well repulse him as in his mere official capacity, or in that of a mere private friend. It is true, Lucy writes me (when speaking of much recommended bigotry she met at Capetown) that he made an exception. Yet, I have heard a young Jew (who came out in the same vessel with the Bishop once) complaining that he much annoyed him by trying to convert him. — An other man who might naturally recommend himself to your uncles and I should of course wish that in proposing a trustee, they should not merely have to go by my word, in which, as I am a perfect stranger to them, I should not take it ill, if they put less confidence than you my darling, would be the Astronomer Royal Sir Thomas Maclear. I mean the Herrscheels would vouchsafe for him, who know him intimately. I doubt, however, whether he is sufficiently a business man for the purpose; but if they think it sufficient to have the money entrusted to a trustworthy lawyer under such a man as one of the trustees, there would be no objection against him. I am sure he would do it gladly. — The nicest man I could think of, for you have to do with, and a most excellent trustee would certainly be Mr. Justice Watermeyer, to whom Sir George Grey

the Bishop of Natal, in his farewell letter to me (May 17th) Bishop says "I have made up with Mr Lloyd, I believe." He does not state, how and in what manner, but I may suppose that, on leaving Natal, he found it possible to say a few kind words, which would neither offend your father, nor be derogatory of himself. The Bishop sailed in the "Medusa" on the 24th May from Natal. Dear Lucy did not see him. — To finish the subject of Natal for to present, I have merely to tell you that, though you said nothing about it in this letter now received, I have thought to act quite according to your wish, in writing to your eldest and youngest sisters. Lucy advised it strongly, though she would not undertake the responsibility of informing them without a distinct direction from either of us. So I have written short letters to Fan & Julia, enclosed them open to Lucy, and asked her to tell them as much as she thought would be wise. I think you will so fully understand my doing this that I need not give you here my reasons. — I am so glad you told already your uncles, and have their approval, so far as they of course can judge of one who is not only a perfect stranger to them, but who just at the present moment, without a fixed position as yet, might naturally appear to them in a dubious light. I mean to say, if there had been a great amount of distinct

gentleman, with whom and whose family I am on very friendly terms, I mean Mr Frere of the Mixed Commission. He is very kind and good natured, but such an easy going person (I had almost said lazy) that I should think it not very difficult for a rogue to get cheat him. I should scarcely be able to think his accounts very safe in his hands, though he has plenty of leisure for it. It may however be that I am mistaken in this. I ~~believe~~ know, he has acted for the Bishop in financial affairs, and may do so still, for all I know. He is also Treasurer for the Library; but what I have seen there of his management, has not impressed me much with an idea of his carefulness. However, I must defer discussing other gentlemen, whom I have in my eye, for an other opportunity, when I hope to know better the state of my own affairs, and can speak more to the point. — As I think it very probable that, if they know him (as I believe one at least does), your uncles may speak with Bishop Gray regarding us, I think it would be only fair to him to let him know, why for example he would be asked regarding me. I told you, I would have done so last Mail, before he left, but I could not get hold of him, on account of the weather &c. If you should like to tell him, I enclose you his address which is care of J. E. Gray Esq.

4 Linden Grove
Bayswater
London

I have no reason to suppose that he is ill disposed towards me personally, though I suppose, he must think a little that my views are not very Church like. I suppose that will be no news to your uncles. I fear Parliament has not yet come to the grant for the Library in the Estimates. They strike at every item on the preceding page, where Government is accused to have spent too large an amount of money. They want to clear the ground. It is very possible that still several weeks may pass, before any decision is arrived at. It is a good thing that I have too much patience over a hundred and petty vexations. Besides I do not feel half careless about it, I mean less anxious since I received your last letter and your dear, dear words, in which you wish me to let you have been any much more humble to me, the modest one, to which I am looking for. Since I know Parliament cannot severe me from you, I feel it to be an only give me a very relative happiness, I mean, I care only in so far as it will enable to make a better provision for you, — and of course on that account I ~~very~~

I shall be very thankful, if the decision is favorable (as I have at present every reason to believe). You do not know how your dear loving words buoy me up, particularly as, when I consider all circumstances, I cannot find that it is my duty to say nay to them. In vain I try to argue with myself that my own selfish wishes have so much to do with my ready acceptance of your proposal, that I ought not to let you do it. After all you have told me in your dear loving confidence, I cannot speak any longer of sacrifices, as I should have considered such a thing, if you loved me less, my darling Jennie. But now, how can I refuse it, with kindness only to yourself? — I hope I am not arguing sophistically; it is this a point, whereupon one's feeling is apt to run away with one's reason. I know we shall be blamed by all the world; but I have always been very regardless of the world's opinions when I thought I did a right thing. I do not think you will either be much influenced by it. If one likes to have the approval of one's friends in taking so momentous a step, and if they blame one, it is always good to inquire whether there is some fair blame. I do think, however, the circumstances of our engagement which are only known to ourselves, are so peculiar that they justify such a course, if

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Grey wrote to announce his present of the Library. He is Cape born of German descent educated in England (I believe a pupil of Warren, the author of Ten Thousand a year). He is one of the most learned men at the Cape, and the best judge. His wife whom I personally scarcely know as yet, was educated in Germany, and said to be a very nice person. They live at Claremont. That is why I do not have any intercourse with his family. The only thing is that in his position as judge of the Supreme Court, he might wish to decline accepting any private trusteeships which might be thought to influence his decisions, if matters referring to them in some way were to be brought before the Court. I intend, however, to sound him about the matter, after his return from Circuit, on which he is now. I believe he may be soon expected in Town. I may, however, defer making him my confidant, till a decision has been arrived at regarding my appointment. — I have also thought, in case he should feel it his duty not to undertake such a trust, of his brother, or one of his brothers (they are a numerous family), who is a barrister here, and is certainly quite trustworthy. But he has not had the advantages of European education like his brothers, and though not at all disagreeable, yet comes not at all up to him. However, I think, you would not at all dislike to have to do with him personally. He is certainly a good businessman. So you ~~[illegible]~~ would recommend himself much more another

examine your state of health — he will tell us exactly what we ought to do. But do not hesitate to tell him all about yourself. You need not follow his advice (she rarely gives medicines), but only hear what he exactly thinks of the case. Whatever he thinks, it will make no difference in our decision to live together by night, and bound together with that spiritual union, which is the strongest tie to each other. But his opinion may go very far in ~~telling~~ making us act rightly according to the state of our health. For as long as the matter is merely doubtful, it would have no truly binding decisive power on our conscience. So we ought not to be shy in ascertaining as far as we can what is our real Duty. Do, dearest, not be shy either in communicating to me such particulars regarding your own state of health, which would give me a clearer insight, just as you tell them your medical adviser. I know, I am asking much, but not overmuch for one who is to have your whole confidence, and be truly one with you. — But I must not stop longer talking to you, darling. I have still so much to do before the Mail goes, not having yet written a word home, and it is bed time, and to morrow I shall have scarcely a moment time in the morning, as I have to write a leader for Saturday's paper, and the Mail goes about noon. — Regarding my occupation, please say nothing to anyone except you may state merely some thing of a literary nature that I am doing. They have no right to ask more. My mother, however, knows. Regarding the enclosed Post Office money order, it is to the address of Mrs. H. H. Fisher, as you grace it me. It is money sent me by Lucy to forward to you. She will have told you what for, which I need not repeat here. Please bring me [illegible] I hope that you do all for your own health that is required, and if you should want any more money, than your interest gives, be in this case not shy borrowing from the capital. Please let me say that I am not quite as poor that I could not restitute that, and my darling, you will not refuse to share with me even now what I can spare. I shall have to receive a little money ~~[illegible]~~ soon in England from my Comp. Grapme. You will not mind, dearest, if I should ask you to take care of it for me, ~~[illegible]~~ till we see each other, or I tell you what to do with it. It will not be much, about £10 from the Foreign Office, and perhaps a little from Trübner, though the latter is doubtful. Dearest, do not take anything I have said before me. I have sent all your enclosures (for which many thanks) to dear Lucy. I have much enjoyed reading them; as also the Times, which I also forwarded to Natal. — My health is comparatively very good, considering that we have had a fortnight cold rainy weather. I have been several days indoors, but went out to day, and hope we shall now have a few days fine weather. The Waldenstun has been detained several days, and leaves only to morrow.

Write me as often as you can. Adieu my own darling.

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I should like still to say so many things but find I must close this letter now. With my best love, for ever your own wife, Mary.

P.S. If you run some risk, in a steamer, I cannot bear the idea of your life being risked in a small sailing vessel. No. Last Sunday we had again a wreck here, and I cannot forget poor Prestchard, whose wife narrowly escaped drowning in the wreck of the Bernicia, in which they lost two children. Dearest put all the expenses to the account of our marriage, and take them out of the £200 which you set aside for that purpose.

(as we are) both parties are assured of each other's thorough love, trust and confidence. Indeed I feel that we shall help each other to do only what is right; and if we should see it right (on account of the bodily constitution of one or both parties, or for any other legitimate reason) to deny ourselves the hopes of that crowning joy of the married state — we need in that case not separate. No, as you darling have resolved to be my wife, knowing (as I trust) all what this right being with you, you will know that that love which corresponds to your own would be of the same nature towards you, whatever info'ment they might come to you. I express myself very clumsily, but what I want to say, you will guess, I trust. I mean, I love you so that I were a strong healthy man, and you an invalid, I should rather have you as my wife than any other. Now, we are both to a certain extent invalids though I hope, I am the greater. What all may be in store for us, to what extent restoration of health is possible, we cannot know, but we may to a certain extent be guided by our medical advisers. If you should be in Bonn when receiving this letter, or going there, I think you better speak openly with Dr. Wolff about the matter; you may trust him, and he will tell you plainly. He knows my constitution better than any one else; and if you for that purpose write, as to example