that our mother would ask you about it, and you thereby come into an awkward point. Forgive my thoughtlessness, which caused all this. You acted perfectly right, as, as I had put it to you, there might have been reasons for my and your not telling my mother. Of course I shall tell her now; and I thank you much for your kind permission of alleviating her fears in other respects regarding our marriage. I shall make use of it, as far as I think right to us both. — I am just looking through a few sheets of your letter (the 1st, 11th & 13th) which I intend sending to Louie to morrow together with copious extracts of the other parts of your letter, and long extract translations of those of my mother & sisters wholly refer in any way to you. — I think Dr. Russell very right in forbidding you at the time to make a study of anything, and I trust that you have implicitely obeyed him, though I can quite understand how difficult it must have been for you, and even hard in many regards. — I'm glad you think your health in general somewhat improved, but think you naughty in tiring yourself so very much in preparing to leave England, and think you might have managed to put some things upon kind friends who would I'm sure have been only too glad to do it for you. However, I can't judge on that & whether you really could not accept such services, I feel only sorry that you could not. I trust only, you don't overexert yourself at Bam, or have done so in going about & other undertakings, — or feel not too much the want of comforts in German houses. For example I'm almost sure they must have given you a very uncomfortable sofa; I fancy I see it, and you have no easy chair &c; tho I do believe they don't know at home how much you want such comforts. I can quite understand the Maid knocking you always up to a certain extent, and wish, therefore, we could spare it you; though, I fear there being no Maid might be infinitely worse for you, — and I quite can understand that that time reading one of my letters in which I thought it right to say some very necessary but fearfully solemn and delicate things to my own darling wife, must have affected her sensitive nature greatly; yet I don't feel sorry for having said them, as I feel our mutual trust and confidence in each other & into our joint future has hereby been infinitely increased, and I'm so glad that you feel it to even a help to you, and makes you look more cheerfully into the future, though of course prepared for sorrows as well as joys. — August 19th. — I have just sent a long letter to dear Louie, in which I have given her all I think you might have wished her to know. I'm so glad that she has promised to come here and make everything ready for your arrival. This is a great comfort for us both, and will I trust, do her good. She offered to come here next Mail, in case you were to come so early to the Cape, but as this is not at all likely, she will come about the middle of October I think, intending to be a month before you here, in order to put everything into nice order. Now by your last letter you wrote to me regarding the possibility of your going by the Imperatrice

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Eugenie direct to Natal. Now under present circumstances, as I cannot think it desirable for you at all to go first to Natal though I feel how painful on the one hand this must be to you, not to see your Natal friends again before your marriage, and as I should so like you not to go in a mail sailing vessel; but if you went in a sailing vessel only to chose a large one, — I do think you will give this plan up, particularly as Louis is coming here, and as I could not promise to go and fetch you at Natal, indeed probably could not. The awkwardness of your being alone here with me at Capetown will be obviated of course through Louis's presence, though indeed I feel it to its full extent. To this comes that your father, though he has not quite refused his consent, and I trust eventually will give it, — has not taken the matter so well as we had hoped, though we of course were also prepared for this. He was evidently excited about it, and though probably moved by your touching loving letter, yet not sufficiently to ~~cate~~ ordate him to the matter. He has asked me for some details regarding myself, my position, and family, and also my religious belief

Come! I am ready.

Capetown, 18 August 1862

My darling wife,

You don't know how happy your first letter from Bonn have made me; for, though of course I felt it would be so that you and my own folks at home should love each other, even independently of me, yet of course how individualities may fit into each other, is difficult to say beforehand, and I am, therefore, doubly grateful that you at once felt so at home there. The difficulties were indeed in your case increased by the difficulty of language, and your being totally unaccustomed to our German manners & customs &c. How they all love you, I could see from their letters, I mean those of my mother, Hedwig and Anna. I so thank you for telling me all about your puzzles and that little misunderstanding with my mother, in which your erring first step even would have been virtue almost for one less scrupulous & sensitive of right & wrong. I think you acted perfectly right in not telling my mother, though you were right in your fancying that had I been on the spot I should have told her, or asked you to tell her. When I wrote to you this & asked you not to tell a thing which for some time I felt even why of telling you (but having mentioned in very indefinite terms an accident, — I thought it would alarm you not too know more particulars, & you ~~might~~ fancy worse things) as I did not wish to blame those who hurt me, if it did not clearly ~~enter~~ appear into my mind how very likely it was that

knew myself to be a Disbeliever in God's Holy Word. — He asked me also whether I had thought it becoming to correspond with you for twelve months without his consent. As I could not answer that question, or offer any excuse for it, without alluding to painful circumstances, I have left it quite untouched in my answer, and only in case he should again bring it forward (what I, however, do not expect) I shall be obliged to say that under the circumstances it was perfectly right and proper. Poor man, I feel very sorry for him, and can feel, how much it may cut to his heart and even to his better feelings, finding that a perfect stranger to him has won the affections of one who after all I think is still a beloved daughter, though a shamefully treated one, and that then he should feel that it was to such a great extent his own fault, and yet he would not like to acknowledge it. Has he written to you by this Mail? I shall probably soon hear this perhaps Mark, as Fanny intended immediately after the Mail was gone, to call again here. — Regarding my own affairs, I was glad to be able to tell your father that all was fully settled and that I held now an appointment, giving me an income of £250 per annum. The matter was not indeed so far that my appointment was made out, but I have the positive assurance ~~that, though I do~~ from Mr. Justice Watermeyer, who gave it me for this purpose, that I could consider myself as fully being in the position as if the appointment had actually been made out, and that my salary would be paid from the time that my former appointment ceased. By that I shall soon have more than £250 in my pocket, and that is indeed a nice little sum for our outfit, furniture &c. So do not sting yourself with your money which you had ready for our marriage, but allow yourself all such comforts as you may require, and which are necessary or beneficial for your health, &c. For example, instead of tiring yourself, engage rather a servant maid for the time, to do things for you, and spare your back & strength. It will be true economy. I know, you will (obey I had almost said) do as I wish, as you must yourself see that I am right, and if you should find a real good servant who you think would stay with you (do not, therefore, let her be too pretty or young) why not take her out with you, to be at once a help and protection. I suppose they won't charge you more than half cabin fare, and for her with a proper agreement. This would be even an

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an almost ~~left~~ economical plan with the great difficulty which we found in getting good servants, and if it was some one who would look after you and see that the naughty child did not ~~be~~ too much exert herself so, it would be even a great relief for me. It would be best to have a contract made before the Immigration Office, which would then also be binding in this Colony. I do not know whether not, on proper application, they would pay part of the passage money of such a servant (according to the principle of assisted passages). But you must not let all this either detain you or trouble your mind, but only in case you knew some fit & proper person, who would in this way be reliable & useful & inclined to go with you, you may act upon this suggestion.

Now regarding the time of your coming out, and the manner, of course I must leave all this to your discretion, particularly as the distance of time & place may be attended with such manifold changes affecting your plans. If after the receipt of this letter and after your being quite ready, a large sailing vessel should sail, in which you could comfortably go, than indeed it appears best, according to Dr. Bassett & Clarke

belief, and in case these are satisfactory, he will decide upon them. Partly I ought to have given them in my first letter, and have of course begged his pardon for not having done so, feeling then why ~~[illegible]~~ to intrude my own personal affairs more than necessarily upon him. I have now given them of course, and regarding my religious convictions I have thought it best and truest merely to say that I believed that they agreed on all main points with yours, my darling, when I became at first acquainted with the you; and that was such a harmony was certainly a vital element for a happy union, & we ~~[illegible]~~ certainly not regret this. He might possibly think us wrong and mistaken on one or more points, but I was sure that he would give generously also to those who differed from him, credit for honestly striving for the truth, and he might rest assured that it would always be our earnest prayer to be led more and more into the ways of truth. &c. (At the end of his letter) He had asked me whether it was really true that I did not believe in the Ever Blessed and Eternal Trinity, after having at the beginning expressed his astonishment of my proposing an Alliance with a member of his Family, when I knew

troubled you. But you have entirely acted according to your own feeling about it. I have heard here that young Dr. Wolff is very ill and relatives here for him Port Elizabeth, have advised him to come here. Possibly he may come with you in the same vessel, and as he is such a very old fashioned good person, you will feel quite at your ease with him, a particular friend of Johannes as you know. There would be some advantage even in having a skilful physician near, even if you did not consult him. — Regarding the Emigration Agents, their address is the following

A. C. Saunders Esq.
Emigration Commissioner
3 Bridge Street
Westminster
London

But let this not trouble you, or take you out of your way. I think even without here one can afterwards get the wanted assistance. There will be a new system of assisted passages introduced just now, of which I do not exactly know the principle. — You can of course make use of my name, say I was on Sir G. Grey's staff, and hold now the position of Librarian to the Library presented by him & Co. Since yesterday this is still more fixed, as a Sub Committee has unanimously adopted the above resolutions, and the whole Committee is sure to do the same. — I have told this time an old Natal friend, I mean friendly kind old Lord Mar. St. Townsend, to whom I had to forward papers & to whom I had to thank for books she had got for me, of my engagement, and asked her to send the book which I wished her to get for me, to your address. If she can, she will doubtless call on you, and ask you to let her do something for you, and in case she can be of use to you, please dear let her do so. I know it will give her great pleasure; as she always wants to have her hands full with all sorts of commissions, and will be particularly glad for old acquaintance sake to do what she can for me, and for my other self. She was one of our particular friends out

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out to Natal, and I have been often together with her staying at the Bishop's &c I did, of course, not ask her to do so; but had an excuse for not commissioning you to tell her why I did not wish to trouble you with it, — I mean your delicate health and many preparations. — If I had time, I could well tell you why you can with the best conscience accept all this from her. The papers I sent to her were from Dr. Callaway all referring to that vexed question about Umkulunkulu, of which I am sure, I am almost tired. — I have been thinking whether you would think it right to get our wedding cards (if we are to have any) made in England. Some people would feel superstitious about doing it so long beforehand. The only advantage would be having them a little cheaper (perhaps half so cheap as here) but the whole advantage would be trifling, and I should not like you to have any trouble with them, even if your feeling should not be against getting them so early. I merely allude to this, in order to say, that in case you should think of ordering them,

advise, that you should go by her. Otherwise, if all is right & you quite ready, come by the October Mail, which as it will be probably one of the large Steamers (Cambrian, I think) will bring you more comfortably to the Cape, than a small steamer. Or if you cannot yet well go by that time, and on the chance that you may be detained by unforeseen circumstances longer than you think now in England, I shall continue writing to you till I positively know that you have left; you may come by the following Steamer or an intervening large Sailing Vessel (if such offers). But I must leave you free choice in all this, though of course the earlier I have you with me, is I need not tell you what all to me. — You do not know how much more your last previous letter makes me long for this, indeed I cannot say what all your love & feeling of oneness is to me. 2nd. I must make haste, having only very little time left for finishing this letter. You will understand my not having begun it before receiving yours, as I thought, according to your former letter that you would not receive it. — What I want chiefly to say, is this, that I hope nothing I have said formerly about your consulting Dr. Wolff has

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them all to read & to enjoy when you are here my own — not property (as funnily dear July would have it, according to the Natal Mercury idea) but wife, and what not all else. But I really have no words to say all, of what my heart is so full, my darling, — though I must not conceal from you that sometimes though very rarely the ~~thought~~ doubt creeps over me, whether I did right in trying you to me, — I mean right to you, — but this doubt has grown very faint of late, and less frequent, though probably nothing but your own real presence with me, and a look into your loving sweet eyes will quite dispel it. — But I must close, not having written to our mother except a few words as yet; and not wishing either to make you read long letters just now, my own darling, — and I know your love I trust does not want any long ones. With your husband's best love and affection yours for ever

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them, Parkins & Cotto, Oxford Street are very good & cheap. They made my card; but of course now I should rather like, and you too, to have my three initials put in, as I generally sign. Of course no glazed paper. But I must leave all this to your own taste, and discernment. It is so trifling that I feel almost sorry to have written it. — Regarding trustees I have taken no further steps, nor shall I take any, I believe, before I have at least talked it over with Lord, except your letters it should determine me differently. I have so feared Mrs. Lloyd's approaching confinement might be a reason for Lord not to come here; but I believe as matters still lie, she could with her best wish, be of very little use. She sent me a nice little note from Nelly which I send on her request hereby to you. I had such a nice note also from dear Fan. I should send you all your sister's letters, if I were not afraid of troubling your dear little brain with too many letters at Mail time. You will have them