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going to S. Africa

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be ~~relation~~ connected with us also by the ~~B.A.~~ ties of common descent. As the name ~~also~~ in England is a very rare one. May ~~this be the~~ you would oblige me very much ~~if~~ by communicating to me ~~give me some information~~ ~~what you know~~ ~~with me~~ whatever you know about the origin of your family.

As to myself ~~in person~~, and my present stay at London, I was ~~sent~~ ~~attached~~ appointed as ~~a~~ scientific officer ~~of~~ by Her Majesty's Government to an expedition appointed to explore the Niger and its tributary, the Tchadda, but I was obliged to leave the expedition, when arrived at Fernando Po, on account of ill health. It is most likely that ~~I shall go~~ soon I shall go out again to some other part of Africa. Apologising ~~I~~ for the liberty, I have taken in writing this letter I ~~remain~~

Your ~~most~~ obedient servant

Wilhelm Bleek

Besides ~~my~~ fathers ~~only~~ family we know still of one ~~other~~ other ~~here~~ in Germany, ~~bearing~~ ~~the same~~ this name, but we ~~can~~ are not able to trace any connection with them.

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father was accustomed to write Bleek, but my father dropped the e, as ~~unnecessary~~ undesirable to the family. The country in which my father, ~~Rev. Friedrich Bleek D.D.~~ ~~who is~~ Professor of Theology at the University of Bonn, ~~has been~~ was born ~~is~~ in, is Holstein. Besides his children ~~and one cousin of mine~~ ~~there is only an old uncle of~~ ~~one of his~~ ~~brothers~~ ~~who is a physician in Holstein~~ ~~of his without~~ ~~and~~ a cousin of mine, ~~there~~ ~~I do not know of any one belonging~~ ~~nobody else~~ ~~who~~ ~~to our family~~ who bears the name Bleek or Bleek.

My grandfather's grandfather ~~seems~~ was, I think, Johannes Bleek ~~M.D.~~, ~~who~~ ~~took his degree as M.D. at~~ of Glückstadt in Holstein, who took his degree as M.D. at the University of Erfurt ~~in~~ 1816, and whose Dissertation 'De Betonica' is in the Library of the British Museum.

My grandfather had one brother ~~who~~ ~~[illegible]~~ who emigrated, ~~and~~ what has been ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and~~ of him and his descent, if he had any, we do not know at all. ~~[illegible]~~ It is very possible indeed that ~~he may have gone to~~ ~~the English form of Bleek~~ an homonymous English family may

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Bleek A. G. (Mat) Trinity 1848
Alfred Georg
C. J. (Bat) Trinity 1851
Charles

1680 Johannes Blanck
1716 Johann Blanck
1720 Johann Friedrich Blanck
1756 Johann Friedrich Blanck
1790 Arthur Friedrich Blanck

It is the interest

I think you will excuse the ~~liberty~~ ~~I take in~~ my introducing myself to you in the interest I take in the history of my and perhaps your family. You will not be unaware of how very seldom the name is, which you have common with me. ds to the o ~~your~~ which name has before the R, you must know that my grand-