place. On the 1st March the keys were at first withheld from me, without any verification of the contents of the Grey Library having been given this; but I meant in any case to remain at the Grey Library during the new hours, until this necessary step should have been taken. But in the course of the morn. the keys were brought back to me. & after 1 p.m. the Chairman of Committee came & was received to Jeannie & me, & said that he had had no idea of my leaving before the scholars arrived here. Whether this was a fact, or not, of course we do not know. I hope it may have been, not, in any case, he had been communicated with by the Government on the subject. Mr. Littleton (H.E.'s Private Secretary) kindly looked in at the G. Lib. in the afternoon, & we then learned a certain thing. H.E. had come forward in the matter (for the safety of the G. Lib.) himself. On the 4th March Julie arrived looking very ill & quite thought, not at all well, and

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Dearest Anna,

It is very long since I managed to write to you; – but, I feel that this duty (as well as pleasure) must no longer be delayed. On the 24 Feb. my last letter to Lennox was sent, giving only news up to Feb. 15th; and, since this, we have had exceptional interruption of many many kinds, & my strength has barely sufficed for the inevitable daily round of duties and cares, so that all correspondence of a private kind has had to suffer. Most of all, have I regretted being compelled to abstain from writing, a little while ago, my regular letter to both of you at Lennox. At the time when my last letter to you was posted, we had still much anxiety respecting the Grey Library, as I had received notice that I should not be required after 29 Feb., & yet, we knew that no provision was made for the actual security of its contents, when the time for my departure (a matter of minutes) should come. On the 16th, our cousin Annie (Floyd) from Natal, was married to Capt. Clark & on her way home to England, paid us a pleasant visit at Newlands. She is the eldest

eldest daughter of our cousin Lieut-General Lloyd (to whom we are all much attached), & to see her and her hide-groom was a great pleasure to us. He passed safely thro' all the warfare in which her brother was finally wounded, & later killed. On the 25th the Acting Under-Colonial Secretary kindly came to speak with Jemmie & me regarding Grey Library matters. He was a personal friend of dear Wilhelm's, and has been a very good friend to us, since we lost him. On the 26th I went to consult the Acting Sanegun-General (also a friend of Wilhelm's) on the same matter, feeling knowing that our mainly rely on his counsel, in the difficult position in which I was. On the 27th Jemmie went to see the Acting Under-Colonial Secretary at Cape Town, and also the Premier. Her interview with the latter was of a satisfactory character. She also went to the Attorney-General, Mr Thomas (the Curator of the Museum), & with him to Mr Fairbridge (the present Senior Trustee of the Grey Library. The effect of this last visit was that the Trustees of the Grey Library sent a strong letter of protest to the Committee of the South African Public Library, regarding the treatment W. the Grey Library has received at the hands of the latter body, since Wilhelm's death. On the 28th the Premier sent his Private Secretary to the Library to say that at the next Committee meeting of the Trustees it was his wish that I should remain at the Grey Library until after that had occurred (on the same footing as before). This 28th was the last day of my term there. To this message the Libn of the S.A.P.L. (who was, we fear, strongly concerned in the underhand attempt to deprive the Grey Library even of my services) professed himself unable to agree. — On this same day, Lady & Miss Frere paid us a very kind visit at Rhone in the afternoon, showing much kind sympathy in what was taking place

they both enjoyed & profited in health, mind & thought, & their few days on them with us. My Father was delighted with his grandchildren (eg preserving perfectly strangers to him, except by sight), & it seemed a great delight to them all to see him & "Aunt Susan".

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and much altered for the worse in point of health. On the 5th D. & H. Hahn came to see us at G. Lil., & on the 6th I rec'd a copy of a resolution of Committee, of which I enclose you a copy. On the 8th very unfavorable news as regards Wilhelm's prospects reached us, thro' the good nature of a friendly passenger in Lundy, & Jemima at once went to Cape Town to see H. E. & P. Secretary, the acting Lieut.-Col. Secretary, & the Rev. D. & H. Hahn in the hope of saving what would have been a severe blow to the work at Wilhelmstroom & to do at the very least they as well as an exceeding day for the contents of the Lib. itself. This was a very stormy day in point of weather, & we full of anxiety as regards matters here. Arthur & unpt persons (whom I do not wish to name here, he who gave you his photograph a good many years ago & Brown) were seen being appointed as Wilhelmstroom commandos, & Jemima comes forward to do all that could be done against it by Sheriff. On the 12th H. E., Prior Lecky kindly called at Mowbray to speak about the library matter

matter, with rather favorable tidings. That I am sure, I had the great gladness of receiving a book from New Zealand, from Sir George Grey, containing a few very kind words, written in his own hand. The comfort and gladness that this was to us all (i.e., Fanny, Jem, Mi, Edith, Nelly, & me) I could not easily express. Mar. 24th March, 2 new little Native boys came out for a while to be with the others at Mowlem. (We have the right to return them to the gentleman in charge of the Native Dept. whenever we like. Mr. Humphreys also arrived to spend his holidays. During these days, I had much washing of these little boys, to make them clean. They were in a very poor state, as regards cleanliness, and it was necessary for me to attend to this cleaning myself. Fortunately, a few holidays gave me 4 days at home. On the 6th of the April, Fanny & Julia went down to Lindis Tower to meet Lizzy up to Mowlem, my father & his daughter Susan on their way to England in the ship "Crontes", in wh. his former Wolseley had kindly allowed them both to have a passage. On the 8th my father, Jemima & Fanny went to call at the Flores, & Susan to Capt. Jones with me for some needful shopping. On the 10th Jemima, Nelly, & I saw my father & Susan safely on board the "Crontes" again, wh. had come down to take up some more troops in Table Bay, making a much lighter journey for my father, than going down again to Lindis Tower. We have been. He seemed totally well, dear old fellow, but, of course, much aged since Jemima & I last saw him 13 years ago. Susan (who had been ill just before leaving Natal) looked very thin & weakly indeed, but they