

Hampton Court Villa
Uxbridge Road
Acton. W.

Jan. 12. 1885.

My dear Sir,

I forward herewith my article on
"Hades". I have read it over very carefully,
having nearly forgotten it; & it seems
to me very interesting. The leading ideas
of the first part - that if truth likeness
is no evidence of truth, glaring unlikeness
to received ideas is strong evidence
against invention or imagination, & that
ghost stories, from Homer to Owen, are
as singularly like one another as
unlike preconceived fancies - are, I think,

original.

The interest attaching to my own experiences is this. I have repeatedly detected imposture; I am convinced that nine-tenths of the alleged phenomena are false; I disbelieve in the spirits; yet I vouch for facts — a very few — that cannot be explained away. My father, the coldest, clearest sternest of sceptical observers, came, I think, to the same conclusion. You could hardly find two witnesses so unlikely to be deluded.

But the whole of this might be omitted. I have marked passages in brackets — A to A*, B to B*, C to C* — which you can leave out if you please. This would bring the

article within reasonable length. I should prefer to divide it, if this were possible, at II. All these marks are in the margin.

If there is anything you would wish omitted, I shall be glad to meet your wishes without falsifying my own opinions. They are the result of twenty-five years' reading, thought & experience.

Yours faithfully,
Percy Greg

Percy W. Bunting Esq.

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Hampton Court Villa
Uxbridge Road
Acton. W.
Jan. 8. 1885.

My dear Sir,

I don't think you have seen my article on the Gates of Hades. In its present shape it may seem a little too long; but I could cut it down, probably, by one fourth. Its theme is the curious resemblance of ghost stories in all ages, & the presence of several features which cannot be accounted for on any other assumption than that the ghost seen really received an impression from without. They are all features contrary to imagination.

invention & superstitious tradition. I
neither believe nor disbelieve in ghosts.
I know too much to be confident either
way. Of course I do not touch the
question of immortality from any other
point of view.

Would you care to read the article?
If so, I will send it.

Yours faithfully,
Percy Greg

The Editor of
The Contemporary Review

Private
&

Confidential

Howick
Desbury
Northumberland

Dec. 7/90

My dear Sir,

I beg to thank you
most sincerely for so kindly
offering me the Pages of the
Contemporary for a short

Article on the opening up
of Liberia — I sh^d. be glad
to be able to take prompt
advantage of your offer,
but I cannot do so without
1st. consulting Sir Robert
Muir — The fact of this
years expedition having taken
place at all, & the additional
fact of its success are due

entirely to his energetic
enthusiasm, & I do not feel
myself free to rush into
Print on his subject until I
receive an assurance from him
that my suggested Article will
do no harm — Our future
success in establishing the Water
Route as a Regular Trade
Avenue to the Heart of Liberia

Very greatly depends upon
the continued good will of
the Govt. I'm thankful to Sir
R. Roper are at present
very favourably disposed towards
us. but Anticipate tho' they
be, they are very sensitive
to the influence of the Moscow
Merchants who are already
alarmed at our success &
intriguing against us —

A. Gorey

Hallodon,
Chathill,
Northumberland.

Nov. 10. 1897.

Dear Mr Bunting

I am much obliged for
the suggestion that I should
write an article upon Foreign
Affairs and there are no doubt
many things, which are open to
criticism: but I do not wish to
write an article and can not say any

that if I should do as late as
I will gladly let you know of
my intention.

The agreement about Tunis is
a great conception for which we
have got no return which is yet
apparent.

Yours very truly
L. Fay.

Telegrams,
Embassy.

Walloon,
Chathill,
Northumberland.

April. 6. 1898.

Dear Mr Bunting

I am sorry to say that I
shall have no time to write an
article on Foreign Affairs. Politics
are ~~absorbing~~ taking up very much
more time than I expected this
Season: I have also this year added
some work of another kind and have

more business than usual at
home. Even if it were not so
the developments in Foreign
Affairs just now are so rapid,
that it seems to me more suitable
to deal with them in speeches or articles
by experts in such subjects as
China are of course exceptionally
valuable, but I am naturally not

in a position to write an article of
that kind.

Yours very truly
L. Seligman

It is therefore necessary
for us to move in this
matter with considerable
caution, & avoid by
continued dwelling on the
success of this year's enterprise
to rub up the back of Moscow.

I think it highly probable
that Sir Robert Ross

Who is watching very
closely ~~to~~ from his Vantage
Post in St. Petersburg the
develop^t of hostile opinion
to the opening up by Englishmen
of Liberia via Kana Sea & Gambia,
may decide that now the success
of this grain Venture has been
proclaimed, it wd. be wiser to

leave it alone. For if we
were to drag our Enterprise
too fully into the light, & cause
it to become the talk subject of
talk in Russia, it wd. also
become the subject of hostile
Gov^t. action —

I notice that you are a
Member of the General Committee
of the Friends of Russian Freedom

I cherish a hope S. I have
not even ventured to whisper
Mr R. Rouer that among
the important results that will
flow from the successful opening
out a permanent establishment
of the Water Route to Siberia
will be some that will not be
unacceptable to the Members of your
Committee. - but our little Anglo
Siberian Syndicate is only a small
Carrying Concern a long way from
with Politics. - & I trust that no member

A. Grey

of your Committee may
be tempted to indulge in
Printed Reflections on the
advantages & may very
possibly accrue to the
Cause of Freedom from
the opening of a new Trade
Route to Siberia —

Perhaps you will be so good
as to allow me to approach
you a little later &c?
it is thought desirable & safe
to put an article into the
contemporary giving paper for
your paper —

I remain

yours very faithfully

Percy Bunting Esq.

Albion Grey

Lord Grey (of Falloden)
1851-1917

Howick,
Tisbury,
Northumberland.

Lord Grey presents his compliments to
the Editor of the Contemporary Review
& in answer to the telegram he received
yesterday evening has to express his regret
that he cannot write anything on the
subject of Home Rule for that Review. -
In an article he contributed to the
19th Century Review for November 1883 he
fully explained his opinion on that question
that he is not aware of anything he

could add to it, & if he should
have occasion to write anything more
upon it he would naturally send it
to the same Review as his former articles
about Ireland. —

Feb^y 9/86

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Sofia, October 16th 1886.

Dear Sir,

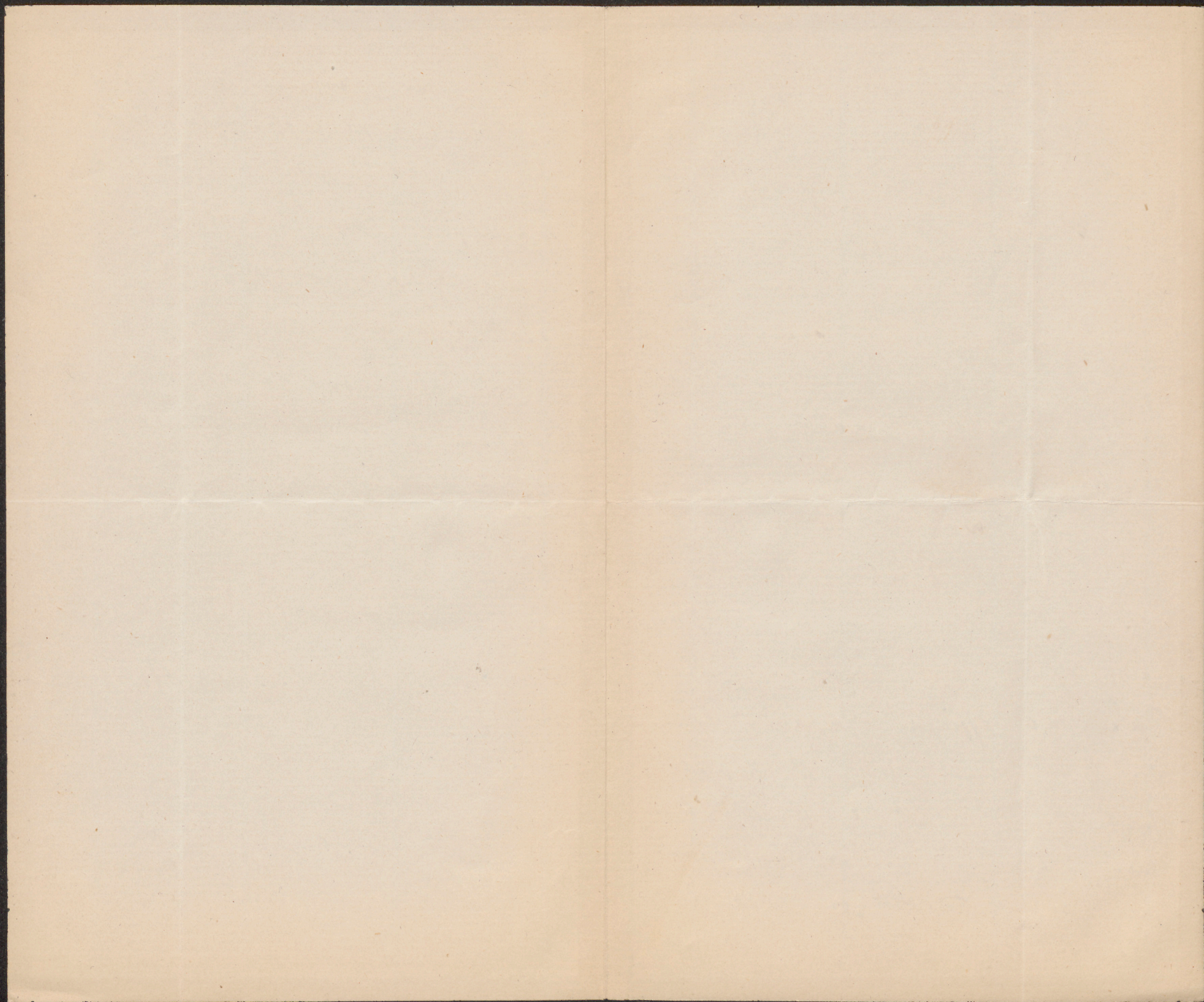
I have just received your kind letter of the 7th inst. & hasten to inform you that your telegram of the same date has not reached me. Even if I had received it in time, I regret to say I could not have written the article for two reasons. First of all, as Minister of Finance in the present cabinet, I am exceedingly busy. Then my official capacity would scarcely permit me to depict just now events in which I take part, however modest this part may be. I thank you none the less for the honour you have done

me. Your proposal is very flattering for me & perhaps you will kindly allow me to avail myself of it later on, when I shall have more time & less official cares.

Be good enough to remember me to our common friend, Mr Chesson, & believe me, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

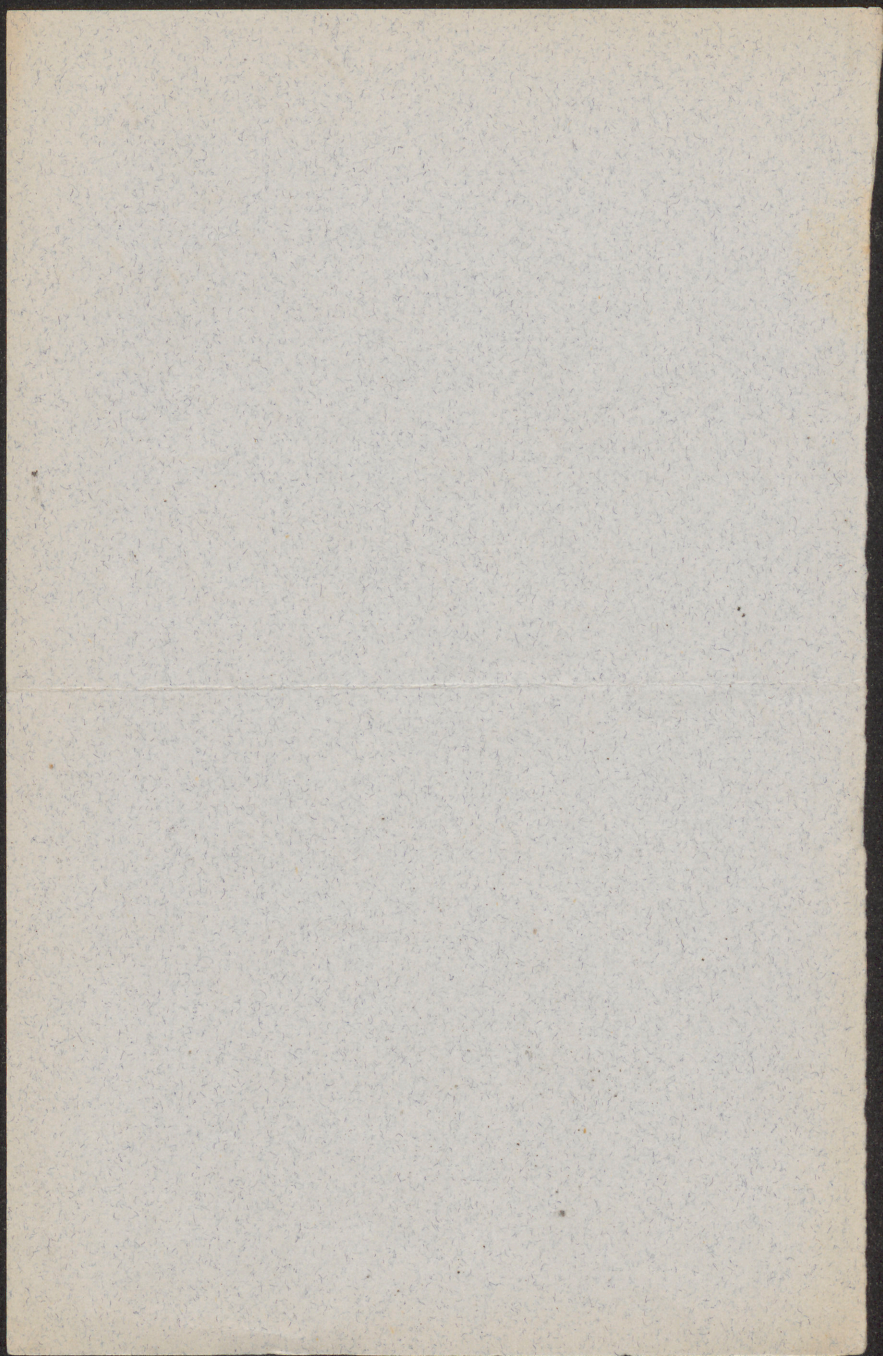
J. Elguetshoff.



Stuck Lodge
By Lake
Sutherland
A. B.
18. 8. 99.

Dear Mr Bunting

Your letter reached me
here yesterday, but I have lately
been writing about fishing &
I haven't anything more, which
I want to write about it
just now. Yours faithfully
L. Lee.



Sir George Grey

1812-1898

Kawarua New Zealand

Febr. 27th 1884

My dear Sir

I have received your
letter of the 3^d Jan^y and
in compliance with your
wishes, I am writing for
you a paper on Amnesiaⁿ
tion and Fecundation -

It will reach you early in
May - What I think is not
understood in England is
that

Bill passed by the New
Zealand Parliament, and
now before the Government
at Home. New Zealand
prefers to be confederated
to Great Britain - al-
though it believes in this course, it
will be more useful to the
and to Australia, which is in need of
Empire - Its force in
subjects of Imperial Politics
will not be overborne, by
six or seven other Colonies -

and it will by following
this course never be oppo-
sitionally hostile to Great
Britain unless it perhaps
willingly agrees with it -
We regard ourselves as
willing and sufficient
pledged to Great Britain,
now, in a manner I will
point out, and are satis-
fied if our own Bill receives
the Royal Sanction - You
may say that this is the
course that will be followed
here - I understand that the
Local Govt acquiesce in this
truly yours G. Grey

that in as far as New
Zealand is concerned -
There were no delegates
of this Colony at the Con-
ference - They were nomi-
nated by the Government -
and there is no doubt
that this Colony will not
confederate with Australia,
and that it will decline
to adopt the bill sent
down by the Sydney Con-
ference, adhering to the
Bill



May 5, 1911

Dear Sir Percy Bunting,

I am ever exceptionally
pressed by engagements just
now, and I regret that I
am unable to find time
for an interview, though
I am much interested to



Dear what you say with
regard to the Chinese lady,
^{who} she seems to be a
remarkable person.

Yours very truly,
E. Grey