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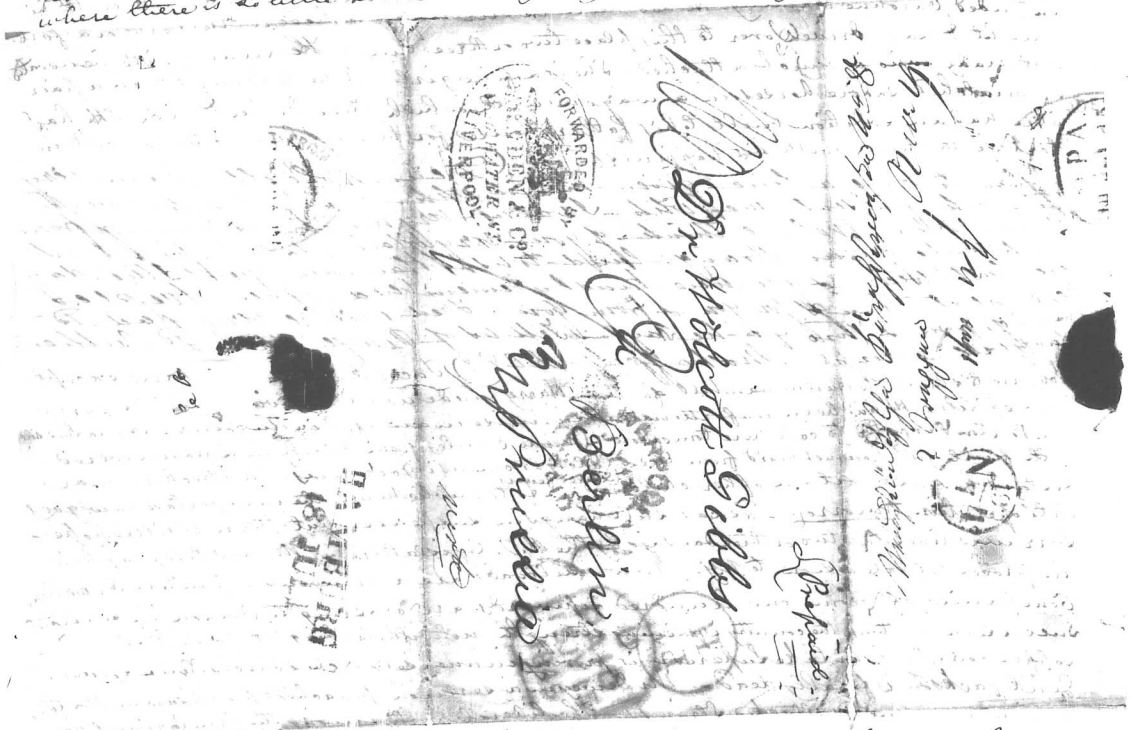
accomplished I should suppose. Will you envelope the enclosed notes & send them with the books in case of their arrival. Perhaps the priest of the reformed congregation in Berlin could forward them - perhaps you could write to the two gentlemen - perhaps you can forward them at once to their address - If I did not believe that you would do what is right & prudent by yourself & do nothing more than you have time &c to accomplish I should not trouble you in this manner - I believe now you understand what I want - I am very anxious to hear of your position & impressions - I have been doing little & am rather falling back than advancing. I know that a life of idleness or unstable exertions will be inconsistent with my happiness & respectability & yet I see no course before me on which I shall be likely to enter - Nil desperandum however - Dear Wol, I wish I could tell you how much I long to see you & how much satisfaction I shall receive from your first letter - I have filled this epistle with details as most interesting to you where there is so little room - Every thing here is moving on much as you left




it, though where there is so much life you will see great changes when you return - (I see that Czerski is pastor of Schneidemühl) Will you write me your address & the means of sending to you - I send by steamer prepaying the letter to the Continent as far as possible - We are having a fine summer without drought - Dr Page at Washington is hard at work - He has a magnetic electric machine which I hope will have motive power - This a new reaction - I am having one built on the principle of the galvanometer with a revolving electromagnet - It moves with a good deal of force - Write me the scientific news & whatever strikes you - What is the true meaning of Konge reform - Is it a second great schism of the church Is it a reform toward liberal Christianity or Calvinism? - I would willingly do something to make it the former - Very truly Yrs W.P.C. - I tear the enclosed notes apart - You had best say nothing of my commission -