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fr Erfurt March the 30.th 1698. ^{2^{te} h. Prof. Franck.}

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Coming back from Gota this afternoon I found at my lodging yours of the 28. instant with Mr. Dies of the 27.th I send you herewith back (even Fidejussor) letter, I hope he will be of some service to you at Hall, and you will do well to write to him according to his desire.

I will remember in my letters to Muscov what you propose about Mr. Michaelis. I shall be so taken up with writing of letters, and doing some other business before I leave Erfurt, that I do not know yet, how far I shall go, in copying ^{out} and translating for you the Russian letters.

I have seen our friends at Gota, as I suppose they will inform you; Mrs. Dönnel was overjoyed to meet with me; she designs to leave Gota the Thursday after Easter, and to make you a visit at Hall in her way.

I am like to meet at Nurnberg or at least at Venice a very good friend of mine, one Dr. Sherard whose

Letter I send you here inclosed for your exercise. Mylord
Tavistock, with whom he travels, is son to Mylord
Russel, who was made a sacrifice to the Popish
party in England, and was beheaded 1683. His
mother hath the reputation of a very pious lady,
and if her son mylord Tavistock takes after her
I shall the more rejoice in his acquaintance.
His grandfather is still alive, being called the
Duke of Bedford. They arrived at Leipzig the same
day I came away from thence, if I had met with
them there, I would have endeavoured to perswade
Hicks to take a turn to Hall, I fancy he hath
pious inclinations.

After I had writt what goeth before I received
yours of the 29th instant; I look upon it as the
work of the Lord, that Mr. Adler feels in his
soul such an inclination to travel into remote parts
for promoting the glory of God there. If I had
known of it when I was at Hall, I would have
tryed whether I could have procured him

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some assistance to enable him to undertake such
a voyage, for a well disposed companion might
have been of great use to me. But I have not
money enough to keep a servant, besides that
one can have no great service from one who is
ignorant of the language of the country. However
I should not matter this, if I had a purse to carry
^{both} us through, in travelling the servant costs generally
as much as the master. In the mean while I am
obliged to you for having so much concern for my
health, I trust to God he will give me as much
strength as is necessary, being able to support
the weak in body as well as in mind, for the
greater glorification of his name. God be praised
for shewing us such hopes of his designing to
second the good intentions he hath put into our
hearts, I hope he will not fail to provide means
for putting such purposes ~~of~~ as that of Mr.
Adler in execution, and I should be very glad if
some fitt persons soon followed me.

I have reasons to make as much haste as possible
for Nurnberg, and am resolved to go from hence
on Wednesday next, the 6.th of April, please God.
What you laid out for my letters, Mr. Turner
will repay you before he leaves Hall. You may
acquaint him that he is like to meet with several
countrymen at Nurnberg.

The bearer hereof will deliver you the Russian
Catechism, I mentioned in my letter from Hall,
it is a little carelessly printed, but I hope you
will be able to come to right with it. God grant
you may have an opportunity to make use of it,
and be an instrument of laying the foundations
of true Christianity in the souls of a great many
of that nation.

After I am gone from hence you need not send me
the whole letters, you might receive for me, but only
the substance of them. I remain

March. the 31.th

Your real friend and servant
W. Ludolf