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Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in sending you the only letter which, as far as I can remember, I ever received from your illustrious father. He wrote it to me after I had announced him privately that (on my proposal &c) he had been elected a Foreign associate (or promoted from a correspon-

ving member to a foreign
associat^{ed}) of the Berlin
Academy of Sciences. The
address of mine, to which
the letter alludes, is the
Essay: Darwin versus
Galvani, which I had read
at the Seibitz-Meeting of
the Academy, July 1876,
but which I only then had
ventured to send to your
father. The words "I had
forgotten that I had
audaciously complained
to you of the difficulty

of reading German" relate to a phrase your father used in that respect in the only conversation I ever had the honour to hold with him, in London 1866, when he said: Nothing short of dire compulsion would make him read a page of German or something to that effect. (The underlined words are literal)

Believe me, dear Sir,
sincerely yours

Edw. D. Reynolds