F. Lorence 27 May 1868

My dear Sir,

I have received at least the parcel of books you sent me. They have reached me through the agency of Mr. Luciano Bell, agent to the Smithsonian Inst. in Italy. It was necessary for me to have very much I feel obliged, owing to you, this gift, as it is impossible to consult for the first time some of your works which I had only by hearsay. I only wish I could in return have at some use to your present. I continue in Florence.
and at all events to a letter would reach me with certainty if addressed here, even if I had left—which I purport to do as soon as I succeed in getting somewhere—situation, better than the present and miserable one in which it has pleased the government of this country to retain me.

I believe we always dear B.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]