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NEW YORK CITY

PROF. ALEXANDER MARX
LIBRARIAN

November 19, 1914.

Dear Madam:

It is with deep regret that I have learned from yours of the 16th ultimo, of the great loss which you have sustained through the death of your father, Baron Ury de Gunzburg, and I express to you my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement. The trying circumstances accompanying this misfortune are especially sad.

Shortly after receiving your letter I received a duplicate of the contract between the Seminary and yourself with respect to the collection of books concerning which we have been in negotiation. This contract was forwarded to you to Switzerland for signature, on July 22, 1914. Immediately after the outbreak of the war, on August 3, 1914, we cabled to you as follows:

"War necessitates withholding delivery library contract. Further conditions requisite."

This you doubtless received, since we have never been informed by the cable company that this message did not reach its destination.

Under the circumstances all matters connected with this arrangement must necessarily remain in abeyance. It will be impracticable for me or anybody representing the Seminary to go to Petrograd for the purpose of taking over and super-

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vising the shipment of the library; and for the same reason it is out of the question to make any deposit of money until peace has been restored. It is our intention, whenever it can be safely done, and we are satisfied that the library for which we have negotiated can be acquired and transported here, to promptly take up anew the entire proposition as it may be necessary to make some modifications as to methods and conditions and as no one can now determine how long this terrible war may last and what consequences may follow.

I am, with great respect,

Very sincerely yours,

Alexander Marx.

Baroness Mathilde de Gunzburg,
Pension Grande Bretagne,
Geneva, Switzerland.

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July 22, 1914.

Dear Madam:

As I informed you in my letter of July 10, I forwarded your favor of June 23d to the Chairman of our Board of Trustees. It was considered best to have a formal agreement and bill of sale such as the enclosed. Ten days after the return of one copy, properly endorsed by you, the Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) Rubles will be deposited in Hamburg. Please sign each copy opposite the seal attached to it and acknowledge before the American Consul.

At the same time I was informed that arrangements have been made with a New York firm, ^Gerhard and Hey, to have its representatives attend to the packing in tin-lines cases and shipping of the books, as it appeared from your earlier correspondence that you may find difficulty in securing the cases so necessary for the safe transport of a valuable collection.

As soon as one copy of the agreement has been returned with your signature, I shall start, please God, for St. Petersburg, and I shall be very grateful if your son, Baron Joseph, will be of assistance to me in the strange city, as you were kind enough to offer in your letter.

Respectfully yours,

Alexander Marx.

Baroness Mathilde de Gunzburg,
Premiere Ligne, No. 4,
St. Petersburg,
Russia.

*P.S. Please insert on page 4 date of signing
by you.*

A. M.

Dear Professor Mara

I have agreed to ~~it~~
with a letter you kindly
sent to me July 22 1944,
after a very long journey
I have reached the at Geneva
I signed them but am
very anxious to send
you one copy by these
few days of war.

You must know how
the post is going between
Europe and America
so please write me if
it is prudent to ~~do~~ ^{send} it.
I am staying for a
long time at Geneva
and I suppose that

we must wait till the
end of the war for the
transferring of the library.
The Director of the Firm
Gerhard and Hey at Petrograd
is a good friend of mine
and I think you will be
satisfied ~~the~~ with this house.
What a change in the world
since a few months!

With my best regards

Yours sincerely