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DOWN,
BECKENHAM, KENT.
~~RAILWAY STATION~~
~~CRPINGTON S.E.R.~~

My dear Sir

I have heard from my Son, that you have been enquiring about a Printing Machine. Now I have one, which is far no use to me, & under these circumstances, I trust that you will permit me to have a real pleasure of giving it to you. It is in good order, but

requires cleaning. As soon

as I hear from you, I

will send it to Mr Mitchell

to be cleaned, packed

in case & despatched;

but please inform me,

as soon as you can

(as I leave home before

very long) which will be

best manner of sending it,

be it in hearing. — But

if the principle is sound it

of steam-boats 1 mile

way up the Rhine, or

ah the way of Railway

by luggage-train?

I earnestly hope that you

will grant my request & accept the machine. —

Believe me with the highest

respect, my dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

Charles Darwin