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 noid us with a visit. He was very kind enough to give a  
 box of dinner toys to our children, a circumstance appearing  
 to me so encouraging that I at once brought before the Commodore the  
 sides which some parties in the Sanguine had not yet settled, &  
 he was kind enough to assure me that much be some mistake, &  
 to order Person Harris of the Sanguine to look into the matter.  
 then came out a bundle of papers for Mrs. B., which  
 again encouraged me to bring forward my grievance as to our  
 being deprived of the enjoyment of the upper temple yard, which  
 place I really now regard would be now as a kind of staff.  
 The Commodore took this quite unkind of me, telling me  
 I had promised spacious enough without the upper temple, & that  
 he saw no reason why to allow me to occupy so much ground.  
 He moreover thought, as I know he only wished to civilize the na-  
 tion, & that would rather have been glad to see a new breed introduced  
 into the country. I contended, the Cattle could be raised quite as well  
 on much better in another place; that we used the upper temple  
 as belonging to our establishment these seven years; that  
 in time of bad weather this is the only place where my wife  
 & children can take a walk, & like wise at times when  
 we did not consider it well done to go out; & finally that  
 we have had a fly shaft planted, to be erected supported  
 which both the Regnard & Offspring have lent us a hand,  
 & I could thus not give up so early possession of a  
 ground thus constituted. I indeed had never had the slightest  
 idea the plot of ground would be otherwise than temporarily used,  
 & that too only for purposes in accordance with my wish.  
 Commodore Perry told me rather angrily, he did not like  
 it, & rose from his chair as though he would leave imme-  
 diately, but led you to send an officer with me to look at  
 the place I considered preferable for the Cattle; taken this way  
 his approval, I was told, we had no right to hold a flag here,

...that any body might pull it down, & if, as I said,  
the flagstaff served merely for signals when a ship arrived,  
I might as well plant it somewhere else. - It was clear to me  
both the Commodore & his officers liked the enclosure on the  
face of the ship as commanding a good view on the harbor  
& town, & looking somewhat like a fort. But I could not  
hide from myself that on a very good english officer  
also might like it while they lay here with their ship or  
ships, & that it would be unpardonable weakness in me to yield  
possession, though I might be happy to yield the use of the ground  
to our friends. - I thought it best quite to drop the point  
& hastened to accompany the Commodore & his staff out  
in the boat whether they wished to proceed for a walk.

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after their wages, profits, &c. - Seeing some To-pi (bean-enters)  
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to the stall keeper, a move which much took very startling  
to those lookers on who knew of his rank. A Cantonian forbids  
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June 1855  
Sheet 432  
I must not omit here mentioning that while  
I was absent with Lt. Comdr  
to remain in hope, & just while coming back, we saw a Chinaman make off  
with a large bundle, to which circumstance our look immediately drew my attention  
supposing the man had stolen it. I immediately pointed the man out to the Commodore  
who said it was all right. He said I soon perceived it was his own Chinese servant,  
who had repeatedly in broken English told us how much he sympathized with us &  
that he could make effort to persuade the Commodore to send us a tailor to make  
up some clothing for our children, that Mrs. D. would not have so hard to  
work. In the evening Mrs. D. told me that while I had been out the Commo-  
dore called his servant & sent him off with the large bundle, which we  
naturally enough supposed <sup>by analogy</sup> had contained some presents intended for my  
humble self, as the Commodore had been so kind to-day as to give my wife  
& children each a present apart. We now concluded, that my expressions of  
dissatisfaction with the Commodore's disposal of our ground against our will  
had produced this sudden change of sentiment in our Benefactor.

9. Spent a very sleepless night, & rose with the resolution  
to address a note to the Commodore, containing a respectful protest,  
& at the same time begging him to consider that by his permanently  
occupying part of our premises, the whole neighbourhood, in which we have  
succeeded to establish unrestricted intercourse with the natives, who  
again be subjected to strict espionage to the great detriment of  
our mission. However upon further consideration, & talking the matter  
over with Mrs. D. we resolved to do nothing more in the matter, conside-  
ring our united protest yesterday evening in presence of several others  
would suffice for all purposes, & that our relation to the "Japanese Engi-  
dium" could be too readily sustained by whatever sacrifice, & that in  
addition it would be as useless as imprudent to displeas the Commo-  
dore any further. We also had the probability that at the Commodore's return  
in about a fortnight, the cattle would be disposed of in one way or other, &  
that such use may be made of the premises as not to exclude us from  
their use.

About 9 o'clock in the morning the Insiquahama & Sava-  
Laga left. - went afternoon on board the Mississippi. All Officers very  
friendly, including Capt. Lee, & particularly Lt. Donner Spiden,  
whom we had early found out to be a Christian brother. Several natives  
had a trial at a galvanical, portable machine, & hastened in 1855

June 1852  
5th Dec

I want to have some conversation with you about the  
 matters of the government of the college and  
 the various matters that are coming before  
 the various committees. I want to know  
 what you think of the various matters  
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to get the wonderful shock, which they were given to understand another  
 powerful medical effect. - They also were invited to <sup>inspect</sup> look at any thing  
 they pleased, both in the cabins & outside, & as they do on board all the  
 ships of the Squadron. They are struck with amazement when finding  
 themselves before a great looking glass, & I am told, several had  
 tried to enter into conversation with the full length images reflected.  
 The globes, terrestrial & celestial, also greatly attract their atten-  
 tion, & they examine them minutely to see whether they correspond with  
 those I exhibit with my maps. Parson Quinden, who showed them  
 a few ostrich eggs, & said we say could scarcely persuade them  
 that such big birds existed in this world. - The Chaplain, Rev. Mr.  
 Jones, took me into his little cabin, where I also saw Dr. Green  
 & we had a congenial conversation for some time. - Found then  
 my respects on board the "Supply" - On coming back found  
 Messrs. Brown & Draper, the former Surgeon & the latter  
 manufacturer of the Electrical Telegraph, on the beach & in need of a  
 boat to take them back to their quarters at Suva. I was  
 happy to be able soon to serve them.

10. My Toddis; who even while the whole Squadron was here had  
 come daily, but for whom I could not always find as much time  
 as we are accustomed to consume, to-day, our labours being  
 somewhat lightened, as they might suffer by the departure of two  
 ships, came earlier, scarcely able to hide their pleasure at  
 the discord they supposed had arisen between the Americans &  
 the English, who from hearing they knew to be natural anti-  
 gonists. They could not look otherwise on the Americans placing their  
 cattle into my premises, than an encroachment upon the English,  
 & said they, they hoped it would come to something like a collision.  
 I immediately discerned their reasoning thus, taking them that I  
 had no doubt the Commodore had good reasons for keeping his  
 cattle at hapa, & that he would dispose of it at his return  
 & continue our friend & protector as heretofore.

Perceiving that the purveyors felt very refractory & he went,

to get the work done... I was very much pleased to see... the work was done... I was very much pleased to see... the work was done... I was very much pleased to see...

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Few of the ships & several Captains had reasons to complain - as indeed they did - that their provisions orders were not filled up. I wrote a note to Capt. Lee, now Commanding Officer, as follows:

Commander J. T. Lee  
U.S. Frigate, Mississippi.  
Naga, June 10<sup>th</sup> 1853.  
The native Commodore got so serious in the delivery of provisions & filling up of orders sent them, that I find it necessary to draw your attention to it. I would humbly suggest a note of your address to the Mayor of Naga on the subject, would soon produce up their not making activity.  
Very respectfully,  
your humble & obedient servant  
D. J. Patterson

As already mentioned the Commodore at his farewell visit at our house was kind enough to order two windows should be set in my study, & that a few pairs of shoes be found for me & the others of the Squadron, & likewise that a shoemaker be sent us to make up shoes for our children, we having obtained in a box brought over by the frigate the material required. The shoemaker & carpenter arrived this day. I had to be mandarin to let a native shoemaker or two, whom we had already taught a little of shoemaking and employed for our children, come & learn the craft more perfectly under a regular way. The request was totally refused.

Tod my boys of a striking piece of news I read of, & that is, that they have recently begun in our country, when the silkworms are about spinning, to add to their food a mixture of milk coloring stuff, whereby the silk is naturally colored, & the expense & labour of dyeing impeded. I gave them this news in proof that God bless Christians with inventive powers, even in branches of industry in which we are, but recent adepts compared with China. For silkworming is like porcelain manufacture of the oldest date in confucian lands, & yet their produce is made inferior to ours, & not the least invention traceable. - I tried to bring my electrical machine into operation, but it is too damp & no spark to be elicited.

During the day, Dr. Wilson, Captain Lincoln & other Officers of the "Supply" were among our visitors of this afternoon, & among them



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June 1853. } Look after the cattle, & notwithstanding many officers going to  
Kiel 433. } ...

A ship by sight! The men up in the yard told me in an instant, it was an American ship. I thought they inferred it from the certainty with which the "Polymath" was daily expected. But they said, no, the whole build of her ships differed from the English build, & that besides their sails, an ash, like ours, fastened to the highest point of the mast, but somewhat lower.

Then arrived in the evening a nice light merino coat of Mrs. ...

13. Also after a very sleepless night. The Plymouth again leaves in sight about 10. a.m. she is at anchor. - Capt. Lee honors us with visit. The Surgeons come to settle accounts, & it was a long & hard job again. I could easily infer from what fell from Capt. Lee that there must be strict orders to swallow down & go on peacefully, against which, of course, I can have nothing to say, except to express here in my private message from my fullest conviction that his tendency for the first Expedition to Japan is ruinous to itself & to many another to come. If nothing beyond a visit or delivery of a Dispatch is aimed at, one ship would have done as well. Why they spend millions of Dollars quite uselessly? If a squadron is required to display power, than power must be an essential ingredient in all transactions between the Squadron & the native authorities; & should labor stop or greatly diminish the supplies, which are paid for, not to say a squadron, even the most helpless missionary would feel it was becoming to complain, & that keeping silence could but make the natives believe foreigners were dull to cruelty, or so pitiable as to bear injuries wantonly inflicted on them, or that they

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endeavour as to take for truth any clamour made, or so apathetic & stolid as to care for nothing, or lastly that they must have come with strict orders from their government to swallow down every Japanese pill administration. Can it be imagined that any of these alternatives will be productive of any good? If a Squadron is to behave patiently when wronged in the necessities of life, how shall this Squadron murder, or rage to demonstrate for the starving of a struggling sailor? How can it ever enter the mind of men, that such malicious, venal, & foolishly proud government as that of Japan would of itself offer to change policy? & what else is it but expecting such improbable issue if you do not even venture to complain where there is a cause? To send a military power with instructions to behave as martyrs is a stretch of christian principle, or logical refinement (if it is) to which I am sure the mind of Japan cannot elevate itself, & it is a too rare diplomatical ruse (if it is) to have been employed in the first encounter with a nation who consider all sorts of penance, & most of all keeping lent quite contrary to human nature, & that the giant is conquered in proportion as he ceases to take food.

Among the items of the day figures one of the Judges who honoured me with his confidence, & actually rose from the table when we were making to land me into my study, when he gave me abundant proof of his having contracted what we in Europe would term venereal disease. His companions on our return, smiled so willingly as to make me suppose they are no strangers to the mystery. - Provided he man with adapted medicines.

14. Went on board the Plymouth to pay my respects to Capt. Kelly, now senior Officer of the Squadron. With Capt. Kelly & Purser Brown was very friendly. And asked on several particulars referring to the prospects of the Squadron, I gave plainly my humble opinion on them. Went on board the Mississippi. Saw Complaints from purser & late-run, but as the Captains are bound to keep the peace, all similar complaints were hushed into mutual exhortations to patience, & laisser faire. - Returned home & going up the hill to provide he will disport man Mitchell & his Chivvies - left in charge of the cable - with tracts & english & chivvies scriptures. I found,



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...no small surprise, that one of the back enclosures, which we had  
often opened & found nothing in except a large bell placed on the  
ground in its mouth. & some rudely painted faces on the wooden  
wall, had now widened the stage by the withdrawal of the sliding side  
scenery & disclosing a gilded Kami enthroned upon a bundle of  
straw & with an incense stick burning before him. Thus the craft-  
y people, quite devoid of all religion, wish to impose upon our  
pious friends by making them believe they used the upper temple  
yard for worship, & yet it is full seven years that no manner of  
heaven rite has been performed either in the upper or lower temple  
forming our residence. And it is surprising indeed to see with  
what precision they <sup>then know to</sup> measure men & do influence latitudinarian  
principles erect on their notions. For notwithstanding I had imme-  
diately on opening the metaphysical shrine acquainted Captain  
Kelly & Lee, who both had come on then with me, with the real  
facts of the case, they almost reverentially withdrew from  
gazing at the Kami, maintaining they were bound to respect  
what they religiously respected, & an oversteering & shotte-  
ning of liberty of conscience is strongly & contemporaneously in-  
hibited as to make the inconsistency most glaring. For in the  
first instance nothing in his occasion has been said or done  
in disrespect to the idol - & had was not even a Localoran  
present - except that I stated the fact, that his idol's presence  
has been quite unknown to us during seven years, & that no man-  
ner worship had been paid to it, & that I therefore considered  
the opening of the shrine at present was a sheer imposition.  
And in the second place, if indeed this Kami be entitled to  
the consideration of a christian Squadron, why indeed not  
respect his temple, & make of it a cattle yard? An in-  
consistency paralleled only by another, viz. Entering the palace  
at Shuy against repeated & documentary remonstrance from  
our highest mandarin, & yet not venture a complaint here  
a parveijer eventually your supplies, or give you some at all!