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June 12th 1853

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Of the Plymouth (the latter having been written me this morning that they had been obliged to serve out all provisions) had informed Com. Kelly of the particular point to which our difficulties referred. - Both Captains came on shore, went up with them to wi-nami (the upper temple-yard). was told by Mitchell, all labourers had run off, because they were desired to lengthen the Enclosure & make a shade over one part of it, which the native authorities would not allow them to do. Capt. Lee charged me to tell them, if they would not do it, he would set his own men on. - Capt. Kelly wanted me to write in dinner a visiting card & present it for him to the mayor. I did so, & had to write a very good hand in the King's name, & after all the mayor only sent a Fe-fo to receive the card, I chivvied in the mean time while I was kept writing having drawn me up with my having become a servant to the Americans, & that too in the low capacity of provision however. As to my becoming a servant to the Americans, said I, you know that I told you to show that our Lord himself became a servant to all. I am the servant of the Cooks as in every thing I think may do them good, & actually while serving the Americans I do it with the more pleasure & readiness, knowing it is all for the furtherance of the best interests of the Cooks. And as to your calling "serving at tables" a low service, I am sure you must have forgotten your own chief once said: "Eating is the people's heaven". I need indeed think I cared little for our American friend if I did not make it one of my chief cares that they be served with good provisions as plentifully as the island can afford. I also delivered Capt. Lee's charge concerning the labourers to be done at wi-nami. Upon the whole, as the sequel showed, this official visit had a good effect, and it is to be regretted indeed the "peaceful" policy should be carried so far as to report complaints, which if not officially brought before the mandarin, he is sure quite to ignore, & finally the understandings may indeed vary foreigners in a variety of ways, & the mandarin really not know of it.

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I was glad to see several boats going off with provisions to the
 ships, and was sure the more fuel that Com. Kelly sent in his
 can will give his ship a kind of performance even above the Mis-
 sissippi, though a steam frigate. A smell of officiality has a kind
 of weight with Confederates, which nothing else can replace.
 The heavy lodges showed great anxiety to see the Elec-
 tric machine give out a spark, but in vain. The atmospheric
 conditions are still against such experiments.
 I was informed in the evening by the native authorities that
 a brass gun had been taken to the fort of our killing & though not
 landed, they were anxious to know what this had to signify. I
 really could not tell. - after a good while we heard several
 shots, & supposed it was intended for an exercise at guns
 in the night, perhaps to produce an intimidating effect on
 our enemy's provisions.
 I went on board the Mississippi. Capt. Slack (of the marines)
 was kind enough to lend me a whole bundle of newspapers brought
 by the Plymouth. Heard among was also in the hand of the Rebels
 (as the partisans of the rising Tai-ping dynasty are still termed). Of
 Fashen, of which the natives are most anxious to know the fate, I
 could gather nothing. - Heard the shooting yesterday evening has been
 for the purpose of engineering measurement of distance, calen-
 lating it on the interval of time between the flash appearing, & the
 sound heard at a spot, ^{the distance} ^{of which} from the place where the flash
 appeared, is known & measured, or to be known & measured. How in-
 ventive human mind is! To make the velocity of sound a
 means of measuring distance. - Dr. Green showed me a map
 of his ground & farm, & then took me to his hospital, where I saw
 a grave case of nervous fever in hopeful convalescence.
 Went on board the Plymouth. Capt. Kelly was kind enough
 to lend me some papers which he had brought over for the
 Commodore, & in which I may hope to find topics interesting for
 the natives. Got a small jar of Butter for Mrs. D. & a tin of
 London biscuits.

was glad to be invited to preach on board the mission ship, and was sure the more I could do for the cause of the Gospel, the better it would be for me. I had been invited to preach on board the "Supply" & "Polymath" both without a chaplain, but so much on my mind that I thought a return to my London practice of preaching 3 or even 4 times every Sunday might suit the emergency. I was the more willing to do this of my London labours, having observed that the system of spiritualism has been greatly increased since the Squadron is in harbour, & that it therefore was prudent to yield, especially so as the Squadron itself yields in all points. I therefore did so with a note to Capt. Sinclair, on which the following is the answer:

"Supply," June 17th 1853.

My dear Sir

I am much indebted to you for your kind offer, and if it will suit your convenience I shall be happy to have you preach for us at 6 P.M. on Sunday next, & I will send a boat for you. I shall also be pleased if you will bring your good Lady & children.

Yours truly
A. Sinclair
Captain

This note arrived just while the Forbes were with me & led to a good conversation, which I introduced by drawing their attention to the spread of the Christian Religion, so that an English missionary may minister on ^{board} an American ship.

My offer to Commandr Kelly to conduct service on board his ship between 2 & 5 P.M. was declined, because he then has some inconveniences. But Com. Kelly adds: we shall have therefore to do as several of our ships are obliged to do who have no chaplains, to read the service in the morning, or dispense with it. With many thanks for your kindness. &c. &c.

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17. Although invited to proceed to present our views on the
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"People's", June 18, 1823

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Why an American Government's ship, with a crew of between 2-300,
should not be provided with a chaplain, I cannot make out. Though
on the other hand, with the American Gov. State and Church Agency,
I confess, I cannot make out, why any Government ship should
be provided with a chaplain, at all, Government procuring itself
free from upholding any religious system whatever.

went in the afternoon to ... to visit our friend, Mrs.
... Jones, captain of the Mississippi, who, though a very mild character,
... in strong language against the spies, besetting him
on every step. Still he told me, he succeeded, on some occasion
to rid himself of them, & once got himself down on a mat
with some poor natives, whose hands he knew soon to attach to
his, & thus brought them into contact with some cash which
they managed briskly to hide. - Mr. Jones has to relate
a variety of similar encounters, all which show as much
the Christian minister, as also that it is the spy only who
prevents the people from intercourse with foreigners.

18. A very good day. At an early morning time ...
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June 1853. The Commissioner of the Customs
at Canton, China, has been informed by
the British Consul, that a vessel of the
name of "Plover" is to arrive at Canton
on the 15th inst. The vessel is to be
commanded by a Captain, and is to
bring with it a large quantity of
goods, and also a number of
missionaries. The Commissioner
of the Customs is to be informed
of the arrival of the vessel, and
to take the necessary steps to
receive the goods, and to
allow the missionaries to land.

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informed of the arrival of the
vessel, and had taken the necessary
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established between China & California. He, as Commandant of a Steam
frigate, was competent to judge of the enormous expenses with
which innumerable in coals & engine repairs. Even lines, established
between England and America, unless greatly aided by foreign
subsidies, could not be kept up. Only the large inland great rivers
streams, with many passengers, perhaps & stoppage at intervening
ports, could pay. He said, though he were offered a depot in Japan
& in Loohoo, he would not accept it, nor he would be long. This
my readers will, ^{early} conceive, was not altogether sitting our hopes, &
our consolation was, that the American Government, who certainly are
not in the dark on this side of the question, having still undertaken
such momentous enterprises, must be determined not to shrink
from the temporary outlay it must involve, & though commerce
may at the commencement be so gained by steamers (as the
shortened line between Hong-Kong & Shanghai plainly shows) national
interests, & the impulse necessary to be given to Civilization
in Japan, may demand & will obtain corresponding sacrifices
on the part of enlightened Christian powers.

Mr. Down & Draper came late in the evening on
a visit from Sumai, a rare visit indeed at Loohoo.
A visit at night from Europeans is a peculiar feature
in the history of Loohooan civilization. Two - three native
nearly families, living in different quarters, & naturally enough fre-
quently intervisiting at any time, would be a mighty engine
to check the espionage system. Mr. Down told us of several
Loohooans who spoke to him of Jesus, his sacrifice & resur-
rection, & gave evidence they had heard the gospel to profit.
This certainly is cheering testimony, suggesting also the nature
desired only to show off his knowledge in western doctrine.

Both Mr. Down & his companion are very fond of children,
& ours are therefore peculiarly delighted with them.

19. Sunday. Rev. Mr. Jones comes to fetch us in his
boat to the service at the Mississippi. He had preached 3 sermons.
The large audience was increased by nearly all the Officers of the

... & a considerable number of visitors. All of the highest class were invited to the banquet. I had a great time & met some of the best people in the colony. I was very glad to see you & your family & to hear of your success in your business. I hope you will continue to prosper & that you will be able to do more for the good of the colony. I am your affectionate friend, J. Davis

... in the afternoon, I went to the office & found a letter from you. I was glad to hear that you were well & that you were still in the colony. I hope you will continue to prosper & that you will be able to do more for the good of the colony. I am your affectionate friend, J. Davis

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hands, & I invited Mr. Davis to my home. He referred me to Capt. Lee who kindly promised, he would let him have a leisure time for this purpose. - I hastened home to examine a while on my evening sermon. A boat soon came to take myself & Mrs. D. to the "Supply," where Capt. Lee & Mr. Jones again joined us in worship. Mr. Jones read prayers & I preached from "What his shall be gathering of the people be." Gen. 49. 10. I felt greatly edified under his service, & was thankful & joyful for the ministerial spirit hovering about me during the whole of this day.

20. Captains Kelly & Lee honor us with a visit. The persons come to settle accounts with the purveyor. He looks now so large and fat for his money, that he rejects all sorts of coins, gold, silver, copper, all is welcome. About noon Mr. Fry & Dr. W. from "Supply" come, ^{the former} having ^{his} time to spare to collect more information about our mission, & which he feels inclined to devote his services. I gave him the one copy I have of my second letter to Dr. Parker (which he kindly printed), besides all information he desired. Dr. W. is fond of the study of the Japanese, & I send him according to wish. Both dined our dinner with their presence.

In the afternoon my windows arrived, arranged some what different to my plan, but still very comfortable, like an eye to a blind man, though a little leg jutting into his socket. Mr. Lowry, chief carpenter at the mission, is very well disposed toward us, & promised to render my small study as light & bright as his office & means permit. His very men have taken a fancy to us, & do their (or rather our) work cheerfully.

My Shuy Fudis appear to have been perversely wrought upon. Especially the younger one. On opening before him: A Treatise on Arithmetic in the Chinese language" (by the Rev. E. T. P. Montieroff, Tutor in St. Paul's College, Hong-Kong) a work of startling novelty & extreme usefulness for the Chinese, & which one of my Fudis, fond of science & of astronomy in general, greatly admired as superseding the arithmetical use of the abacus, the foot-stick, loaded iron man could