there was no possibility for me to get to Sunnat to the landing place, so I had managed to obtain a native boat in which I left for the Susquehanna, when half way we were boarded by a boat from the Plymouth, which had a provision order to be filled up, & thus took me in style to the flagship. the nice young man in charge of the boat told me, he had observed last sunday I was a frenchman by birth, having used the word "explication" for explanation. We had some french talk upon this, & I told my friend, that according to analogy, I should say "explication" was as good english as "explicable," & that I thought the adjectives in "cable" admitted of a substantive formation in "cation." On the same occasion I heard, there were some Hungarians on board the Plymouth, enlisted gunners, among the crew. This would be extraordinary treat indeed to see in Yankee citizens of my native country, now expatriated because of their love of liberty. I hope I shall have grace given me to cheer them & console them. For besides those who suffer for religion none is more worthy of the sympathy of a christian than those who suffer for their love to civil liberty. So long as man can quietly submit to tyranny there appears in them but a weak sense of responsibility to God, & except those who are left by Providence without power of asserting their right, there is a plain indication God means them to suffer. — On board the Susquehanna St. [illegible] there was a Chinaman for me to come on board the [illegible] which is soon expected. This was very cheering news. — Saw the Commander. suggested, as the weather was bad, & the mandarins may be too glad to get an excuse, it would be well [illegible] that the interpreter go out to have recourse to persuasion if required. A boat was ordered for Sr. W. myself & one went towards the landing place, & were but landing when we observed the boats bearing the mandarins just putting off. We then fell into the line & accompanied them to the flagship. Arrived there, they were first conducted for a while round the ship, & then kept in waiting in the [illegible] room while away,

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which was just not quite proof against the heavy rain which fell. The ajan Bunching to[illegible] begged to be seated, & upon this the party was ush[illegible] ed into the Commodore's Cabin. I must not omit to mention, that the previous to this, the Commodore had sent to call me down into cabin, pointing out to me how he would have four of the guests seated, i.e. the Regent to sit at the head of the Bunching Room to look his sides at the upper end of the table; that the other end, to be occupied by Capt. Buchannan, the mayor of Naha & one more Bunching Room at his sides. When therefore the mandarins came down into the Cabin (N.B. I heard Ishisaki whispering to the 3 Bunching Rooms who had been invited — so that there indeed did not remain more than four guests at the table) I took my two folks to the upper end, & was just about taking the two remaining ones to the other end, when Capt. Adams told me, loud enough to be heard by the whole Company as I think, "Sir, — you cannot sit between" and I equally audibly told him, "It was the Commodore's order." It was not till a few days that I heard, the Commodore had appointed besides me, first Capt. Adams or Dr. to arrange for the sitting of the guests, the latter, which however, I was happy to see, was as it soon appeared to all no other arrangement had been made, for had the two mandarins not been with Capt. Buchannan, he would have had none [illegible] other to honour to. It was also necessary to [illegible] the guests between the two Interpreters, myself & Dr. or they could have but little enjoyed a meal without being spoken to. Captains Buchannan & Adams appear soon to have lost their usual antagonism to their humble servant & loaded me with messages to the mandarins under my interpretership. The advantage of being able directly to communicate instead of going through a round of months was also too apparent to be lost on the company. For while one part of the table was all talkative, the upper part, where Dr. Sims

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went on board the Caprice (which vessel Mayo scarcely arrived I heard was now again at Yokohama) the Commanding Officer, Lt. Wm. L. Maury, a very kind man, cheered me by bringing us some articles, for which he had to lay out the money, thus giving us credit. He brought me also my watch sent for repairs to Shanghae, thus setting me again up as [illegible]. I suppose the repairs for for $5. might cost has [illegible] London, not to say any that place, for $ [illegible] there I for also for five Dollars [illegible] cost half the price in England: [illegible] having obtained that [illegible] money to pay. He also a receipt for the [illegible] deposited in Shanghae.

The "Bonita", a [illegible] Schooner chartered to bring over coals for the steamers, [illegible] just in sight, we learnd my was just coming [illegible] under title Loaded her [illegible] with the last the mail on board.

29. From the correspondence of the day I made entry [illegible] the following note

Napa June

Commodore M. C. Perry
U. S. Str. Susquehanna.

Sir, I humbly beg your [illegible] ceiving a remainder of the dollars, which I should incline not to send off at [illegible] in the following reasons: 1, To have to offer the [illegible] thing, referring to the table they had [illegible] the time when I shall think it proper to [illegible] the boxes you desire. 2, Because I may also need some food for the three sheep we have to [illegible] the weather may not permit their being sent off; 3, because some barley (it was rice that was contained in the bags) has already been begged by some of our people, who say, that by pestling it they could [illegible] the grain, & it is

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tow, should be sent
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They have given
it would require
necessary to us,
be procured here.

Enough.

Elbow to be sent us to
Fables. On board the mis-
sissippi they have no such print.

I regret deeply to have to trouble
with such trifles; but I knew of other
with profoundest re

P. S.

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the whole body of Fijis gaping around me
here. They came with an introductory letter f
& brought a box of Chinese scriptures. In

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* The Commodore later told me the Biscuit had
over board when my note arrived. What
his note "I do not stand.

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I requested [illegible]
The [illegible]
book to be [illegible]
– a portrait of the 8 minutes
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intended as a souvenir for
it with several books of
given me his gig, in which I
errand, but with less success
Took off in the

30. Early in the m
Commodore, we stood over
of, if to be had in the
kind indeed. Wrote down a list
with books, sugar (american) tea
collect that the articles in addition
which I thankfully signed receipts.

Mr. Jones brought us some Chinese proclamations & other pamphlets issued by the so called Chinese Rebels, but told me must restore them by to-morrow evening, as the [illegible] the following morning the publications may excite [illegible] Japan. Not more than the single copy be brought of Dr. Williams. Mr. Jones brought also some tea to deliver to the Mandarins in the name of the Commanding. Officers of the Squadron, that it might take off two Chinamen. I told him this effort on their behalf would be fruitless, & they had better take no notice of the matter. – Capt. Lee was kind enough to [illegible] this regard for us. A pleasure with the Frigate we were invited to Fungai. Here several pieces were played by the Band to please the Commodore & Officers. – Business detained me at home to dine that day, while the party were just returning.

July 1.

Hapa, July 1st 1853.

Commodore M. C. Perry
U. S. Ship Susquehanna.

Sir Allow me humbly to express my [illegible]

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flowers & other articles you were kind enough to send us yesterday. If your intention was to stimulate my devotion to your cause, you have failed, for my delight is & ever to say instinctive attachment to any effort for widening the sway of civ Creation are scarcely capable of increase. Tis is only one chance more of augmenting my lively interest in your great undertaking. I hope it may be news that the great western fly is hoisted in Japan, & Sunday may the Ruler of the History of the universe crown your Commissionation with the ardent wish & all Christian

But if it give you pleasure to know that one more humble individual prefers absolute to your success, the many, still I am persuaded your generous heart has gained a friend. I am glad & be able to give you this pleasure in its fullest measure. Myself & wife & children all love you, feel much obliged & grateful to you, & duly pray for you.

Please accept the humble effusions of sincere gratitude & believe me ever
my dear Sir
with profoundest respect
your most hum
p. J.

Wrote to the Bishop of Victoria, but Bath arrived in time for the Caprice, which we leave this morn. - arranged a meeting with the Napa mayor. - went on board the ship to find Bunsen Spieden pretty well as to the ship. Went to Fort Leavenworth, & thence to Head an appointment with Baron Gerolt. Spent the evening. The sailors who served me home took them on their quarter deck, that all pacific & amicable treaties will be resorted to to open Japan.

2d. The Squadron (with exception of the Supply) got under weigh about 6. in the morning. The steamers towing each a ship in tow, a sight which must be very novel for the Yankees. - The Commanding officer of French corvette

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ring provisions, & inviting me to dinner on board. went. The Capt. of the Riga is in a dying state, not awaking from an epileptical fit for the last 4-5 Days. On Lord the advice of all the Drs physicians of the Squadron. Because in Book above my letters of yesterday took with me the manifold written the Letter to copy one written to the Bishop. But I had scarcely time to finish. For Mike got at Dinner a joyful cry of the sailors till us: all the coals were out. at least half a Day before it was expected. & Mrs. Stone, the commanding Officer, made haste to get out of the creek as long as it was yet Day light. Never till I write in such forte haste as this Day, after which I shipped over to the "Supply". Mrs. Stone sending over several articles for our journey. & off went the Borneo. & a fine Schooner indeed she is.

3 Lordship. Held divine Com English service at [illegible] Text: He that is dead is freed from sin." - went out with Mrs. B. - In [illegible] Lower were well received by an old acquaintance, who called in the grand dessert to see us. On informing him of the christian Government now rising in China, he said, they would see to do every thing that China does, change their Gods, customs &c. to keep pace with China. - In another good house of old acquaintance I also succeeded in getting a good hearing & reading from the elderly Master Mrs. & youngsters, & concluded with prayer. Left books. - In another Mr Reeves had a good preaching & prayer before 3 individuals. Left to

On returning home a sailor of the Supply, apparently of decent & superior education, visited to make our acquaintance him to dinner with us. - Evening service commenced two Boat two dinners appear very much longing after the one of again & again talking with me, Scriptures &

Had a very comfortable & edifying service, for which God be praised. Even if he blesses us at home

4. Read the Naga Books out of Mr. Mercer's [illegible] book. - my two chinamen again with to the ma

5. Dr. Wilson of "Supply" who had some exercise in Spanish Lan- guage, reads a page or two to revive my memory, & spoken the ear in his beautiful tongue. Which I have nearly lost all exercise by leaving (constantly) [illegible]. - One of the Navy Officers present, certainly the most ignorant among them, willing to be looked upon as a learned man, passed his memory in mockery & gave me a string of technical metaphysics to be delivered to the Dr., bearing on Geography, Astronomy, Geology, Optic &c. and asking me after each delivery: well, what does he say of me? "Italyan are a proud sort."

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6. the ships being supplied with excellent water from a place within the Japanese Barrier, near all the japanese Guards water, called Ketinda, and several officers having pointed out the great difference between our water & theirs, we made an effort to get rid of the brackish beverage we used with tea-like but without leave during our long stay here. We had out a smaller jar capable of holding a two days' consumption of water, & after repeated message to the mayor got out a promise, our water should be brought from Ketinda. If he does forward out yet follow, we shall indeed obtain it.

We have great difficulty in procuring wood for the ships, they plead inability in this respect much stronger than with reference to the articles, although upon one occasion here two-three shiploads without meeting with piles of wood, several markets being literally covered with it, & our North, Yambarre, being eminently a wood land. they true an admission of wood being less plentiful might lead to the discovery that spars, beams, planks & other timber are likewise - as is really the fact - plentiful, & that ships might resort hither for repairs. Hence a cautious circling within the limit of Ring a variety of fuel altogether.

Several officers & Capt. Sinclair calls. - the ? to stay less obstinate as to reading from our books.

8. Our chinaman copied for the naga Foxes & the very babes in rambling had known as if by inspiration on the prosperity of Tai-ping-wang, & was allusions to a Lady sovereign (Queen victoria) in is expected to deliver China. From the shrieks paid to the matter I should say superstition of ev[illegible] has great hold on the opinion of both Chinese & Japanese, & that mild credulity can be easily turned to political advantage.

Left my family for an airing to Tumai.

Tried to persuade Capt. Sinclair to have his men come on shore next Sunday, to the american "Metropolitan Hall" at Tumai, for public worship; this matter I thought might engage the attention of the natives. But my friend said, such measure would interfere with his ships regulations, besides that his crew being small, a congregation would be far from inspiring.

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IV. Lord's Day. Found the service with the Chinamen very edifying. - Conducted family worship. - Preached on board the Supply from "Jesus was found alone" Luke IX. a text on which I have even a printed sermon, but rendering the subject afresh. I type it printed. Mr. Upshur, one of the rare, gentlemanly & pious set of officers of this ship, warmly thanked me for the teaching the discourse contained. In the boat, while rowing homeward, inquired of the men, that was the reason that so few of the crew, besides the officers, attended Divine worship? Was it appointed on board. If the "Supply" being only a store-ship and not a regular man of war, the rule obtaining in the latter, of all being obliged to attend Divine worship, is done away with. Can it be denied, I would ask in passing, that the civil law has much to do with the support of Religion? Will it be optional in a fleet, in an army, in a workhouse, hospital, prison, whether people attend public worship or not. I do not believe a voluntary system would reach this want, or ever supply the efficiency of an injunction by law. What a mighty support does the Sabbath, or what is the very existence of Churches & chapels depend, derive from the civil law? Whether with separate State & church & other blessings for us Britishers we a connexion, not to be thought of lightly in attending it, as all intimacy institutions. - Another remark of my informant assigned was that there were many Roman Catholics on board (who I am sure, make little scruple of grave & sober it sufficient excuse for not worshipping at all) told by a priest not to listen to a protestant minister and that many of the men were so tired with the various labours the ship requires, as to feel need of rest, that unfits them for public worship, & lastly he thought by labouring hard before the hour of worship to have already been obliged to break the Sabbath. & it would appear to us working afterwards again to keep it for half an hour. - It must be admitted some of these remarks of a common sailor are of great weight, & if possible, all sorts of labour, even on a man of war, should be greatly relaxed on the Sabbath. - Mr. Fry, another specimen of a pious, thoughtful naval officer, told me, One that above many others comforted him, & that was the prophetic vision: and there was no more sea." I think, too, except a missionary & a pioneer

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