

This is a page of handwritten Japanese text, written in a cursive style. The text is oriented vertically on the page. At the top right, there is a date '1881 年'. The text appears to be a diary entry or a record of events, mentioning various activities and observations. The handwriting is somewhat faded and difficult to decipher in some places due to the ink bleed-through from the reverse side.

had our two official guides now left as I should have been in a very soon
 lemma. As they went on notwithstanding straightway toward the palace I
 thought it best to take no notice of what had been suggested, & went on my
 way. I was really glad on coming in sight of the palace door to find it was open.
 The natives going up quite in front of it some times suggesting they would on
 his requested me to try, it was sufficient honor thus far, & that neither the
 officials had been marines further. They were immediately going to understand
 that had never been any intention of looking the troops within the palace,
 & that they had been placed here to have a level ground where to be
 drawn up in file. It was now sent in by a Chinese servant a
 little bundle of visiting cards, bearing, I suppose, the names of the
 officers present on the occasion. I got in the mean time sight of the
 inside & told him to tell the Regent - who I observed went
 about like a lost sheep - to be in waiting at the innermost
 door in ^{the} hall to pay before entering the reception hall. Now he
 immediately dismounted, arms were presented while he paid the
 homage, & entered the palace yard, a miserably small concern
 indeed, terminating in a flight of stairs at the right hand,
 which he scaled passing again a door, turned then to the left,
 & entered a very small yard, from which a few steps took us to a
 pretty spacious yard, he paved way which took us to a
 central building & to resting on a terrace, to which there
 separate flights lead. Several steps would have us ascend
 the left flight, but I refused, bending my way toward the
 main flight in the middle, passing through a door inscribed
 神門 (Shinmon), this meant, he God receiving door (intended,
 no doubt, as a platform for the Emperors who represent the
 Emperor, on occasion of his visiting the palace.) But, to my
 huge regret, after having emerged from the vaulted door,
 way, I found the door of the great hall opposite me quite
 barred up. It had thus to cross the yard, and into a room
 to get over to the left small hall at the left, where some
 proxy mandarin were assembled. For myself I had no
 doubt but the real reception hall was the middle one, but

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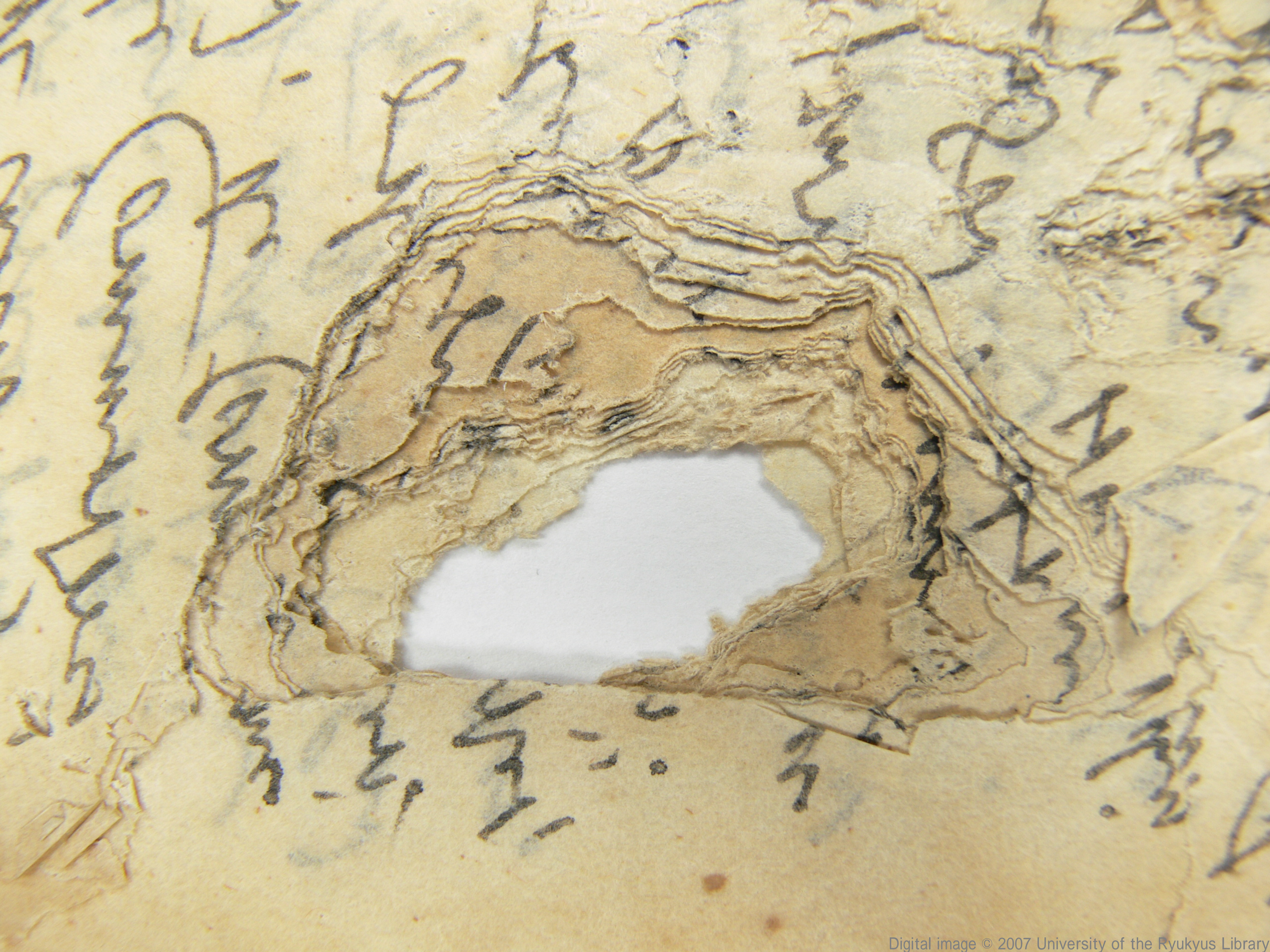
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Handwritten text on the left page, written in cursive. The text is dense and covers most of the page, though there is a significant hole on the left side. The handwriting is somewhat difficult to decipher due to the cursive style and the age of the paper.

Went on board the Express (which sailed though scarcely arrived
I heard was soon again to be off). The Commanding Officer, Lt. Wm.
S. Murray, a very kind man, checked 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 Shanghai,
they seeing me again up as usual. I suppose the repairs
for the watch might have been sent to London, not to
say any other place, for I believe the clock-maker of Hong
Kong also for five shillings a pair of glasses, and I took
half the price in England. I felt at the time that I was
obtaining what I needed continuously to pay. I also
received for the money deposited in Shanghai.
The board, in which I am, is a schooner chartered
to bring our goods from the States, but just in sight,
I should say was just coming on under full sail. I
was told he had the mail on board.

29. From the correspondence of the day I find
entry has the Mary note

Commodore M. C. Perry
U. S. S. Porpoise

I am, Sir, I humbly beg your
pardon, a remainder of the letter, which
I incline not to send to you, as you
reason: 1. To have to offer the
referring to the cable key had a
I shall think it proper to open
2. Because I may also need some
how deep we have to reach, and
I should be glad to see this being sent
some barley (it is rice that was contained
has already been begun by some few people
that by peeling it they could find the grain.