

France must go on trying all her diplomatic ener-
gies, & the Peace Congress push on it with all the
grave importance of its office as umpire of na-
tions. In the mean time the humble missionary
with his Chinese-Japanese key, capable of so many
winning permutations (1 Cor. 9:20-23) soft
& self adapting like thieves wax (Rev. 15:16) turn-
ing & winding with elastic yielding love, so
as to be made all things to all men, will
go on knocking at the door, & try & pass
& try again till an entrance shall be
ministered abundantly into the very core
of the Japanese nation. & then a large &
effectual door will be opened, like the broad
transcript in the Crystal Palace, & Western
myriads shall come & import all their varied
social, commercial & industrial improvements,
and find a brotherly welcome. May you, your
Readers & my humble self live to see it &
rejoice in it. I beg to remain

Yours' very faithfully

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Cochin, Naga,
English Free Hospital
28. September 1852.

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Naga June 1st 1853.

My dear Lord.

The God of the Church & Ruler of the history of the universe
has taken a step for the opening & enlightening of his long
dark up corner. Shall his people not follow him into
the battle, more of victory & glory & eternal gain?
My dear Lord, I am quite at the service of my God.
In all my afflictions & long trials, whenever I
murmured it was only against men, but I am
always humble under the mighty hand of my God.
He has ever marvelously dealt with me. & however
great & unpardonable the guilt of our Committee
both against the best interests of this mission &
my own claims upon them, the Lord is justified
when he is judged. I have no complaint ^{against} my heavenly
Father, & am all gratitude in particular for his
having given me in China a friend whom I
love & respect. I know, my Lord, that in
your position you cannot speak out plainly on
all matters. I only beg of you to let our voice
be known, by quotations from my own writings, how
I think of this Committee, & what mountains
of money they owe me, & what barbarous mea-
sures they take against the very lives of my humble
self, dear wife & children in refusing to send over

a ship when I declared both myself & wife were dangerously ill. If I do not resign a second time, I confess it is only from pecuniary considerations, for I could not well let the Committee remain in possession of the heavy sums they have collected on the plea of the sufferings & doings of the missionary. Whom - if I or signed - they might perhaps find a legal flaw of paying more efficiently than hitherto they have done. I am absolutely resolved of bringing the case before a court of Equity.

The train ^{of thought} into which I was betrayed on the very first page of my letter to you, & through which under a state of feeling most happy in God & all love to men, may convince you that my just complaints against the Committee have deeply embittered my affections. Now I will now break off this painful subject. Captain Dames is now before the bar of God, & I can have nothing further to do with him. I hope Mr. Clifford may be spared, & I pray he may have grace given him to repent of all the evil he has done to the mission & myself & family. I saw somewhere, you styled him the founder of the mission. I can assure you, if indeed he laid the first stone to it, it was my tomb-stone. No more am I that he has shortened my life by feeding me 7-8 years with wormwood & gall. But away with this melancholy theme. I must come to plain business.

1. I cannot consent to any other arrangement on money matters & on the way of drawing my stipend from the Committee than as agreed to on my leaving London, and, in general, I declare here once more as clearly as I am able to express it, that I cannot consent to any retrogression of any of the stipulations contained in my original agreement with the Committee, although it may prove they have been under breach of Contract for several years past already.
2. I must insist, that, in case the Committee do not of themselves settle my account of (in round numbers) £1500. sent in to your Lordships in my letter of September 28th 1852. all my letters to you (except those marked private) be brought under notice of our subscribers & friends, who, I think, are the proper judges in the matter.
3. As soon as the £1500 are paid down, I wish that £500 be laid in some safe bank for my dear wife & children. The remaining £1000 I leave, without interest, to the Society on condition that they acknowledge me as Director of this mission, & dispose of their funds as I may deem most advantageous for the prosperity of this glorious mission. As

to the repayment of £1000. I shall be satisfied to receive
£100 yearly, this sum likewise to be added to the fund designed
for my wife & children.

4. The first direction I should give as manager of the
mission is, that immediately an American brother be
engaged as missionary here. If he desire to enter
the Established Church of England & be ordained by
you, be better. If he had conscientious objections,
& no other suitable American subject could be
found, I would accept of him though belonging
to another Church of God. I prefer an American
because I am sure the American Government
would countenance him, & we would then have the
support of two Governments.

5. I wish to offer no pay to my missionary brother
but would beg him to accept of a stipend
from our Society's funds, the quantity to be appoin-
ted by himself & the American missionary body
in China. I should give preference to a married man.

6. As I have been kept in the blind for the last
three years concerning all transactions of our home
Committee, & consequently know not what funds
they have in hand I cannot dispose of them any
further than my own £1000 lest them will
cover. Should it however happen that they have
between £2000 - 3000 in hand I should direct
that immediately a French protestant brother be

likewise engaged, on the foregoing terms & from the same reasons.

7. I object entirely to any religious body, unless their funds be abundant & above what is required for the healthy & energetic conduct of their undertaking, to its having any part of their funds vested in stocks &c. Such arrangement only serves to make the Committee easy, & no further purpose in the world. It is therefore my humble but decisive view that if all the funds of our Society are required to the speedy dispatching over of the two aforesaid missionary families, all, with but a small reserve, should cheerfully be spent, the reserve to serve only for the purpose of immediately dispatching over a ship, in case the missionary brethren so desire it.

8. I wish the missionaries to be the sole disposers of all funds collected for this mission, & the home Committee to occupy a position of Deacons to the mission. I prefer a paid Committee. and should direct that three Scripture Readers - or agents of the London City mission - receive each £20. yearly in addition to their present income. All that is required of them is to publish, whatever may appear to them of importance in the missionaries journals, or what the missionaries may desire them to publish. They must meet

regularly twice every week for three hours, to pray & think for us, & discuss our matters, so as to be fully acquainted with the position of the mission. But they must never forget they are but Deacons of the missionaries.

9. I am perfectly satisfied that any Christian body that will receive contributions for a mission thus constituted, & that a yearly report & cash account will satisfy the public as to the honesty of the missionaries & their Committee.

10. I cannot approve of any man drawing bills for me on our Bankers otherwise than I order. And I therefore wish that the present Committee's agent in China henceforward have nothing at all to do with my money concerns, except depositing in a safe Bank what he may at present have in hand, which, as he says, amounts to 859. £ 07. I do, however, not mean hereby to acknowledge or receipt what he charges on my side, & cannot consent to the Committee's introducing into their accounts as vouchers any thing but my bills, my receipts or the bills & receipts of my broker in Law in London.

11. I am ready to acknowledge, as received, the following items in the Agents' cash account:

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Jan. 7.	By Commander Thadwell "	\$ 500
"	Smith & Brimlow " "	143 - 15
"	Watch " "	20 -
"	H. C. Threlk " "	30 -
"	Mrs. Smith for sundries	16 - 38
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		\$ 709 - 53

I shall acknowledge as
received the Balance the agent has at present
in hand (which should never have been the case & was
never done on my direction) as soon as I shall
receive from the Oriental or any other safe
Bank in China, that pays interests, an acknow-
ledgement of such & such a sum having been
deposited with them for my disposal & as my
property.

12. I expect to receive my £1500 from the
Committee with due interest, deducting only the
interest of the sums of Capital which I acknowledge
as received.

13.	The agents Balance of	\$ 859 - 07
	which I received " "	709 - 53
	In all	<hr/> 1568 - 60

and shew vouchers the Committee may have
still to produce from my brother in law in London

are not to be deducted from the £1000 I offer as loan to the Society, but from the £500. I have disposed of for my wife & children.

14. I once more plainly declare that my salary is due at least a year in advance, unless the Committee undertake to send me over my every day's expense. If a missionary be considered - as perhaps it was formerly of old - as inferior, or even - scandalous to say - servant to the Committee, I am certainly entitled to every day's pay (Deutr. 24.14-15) and if I stand to my Society & Committee as a pastor at home stand to his Congregation & Deacons. I am sure my people will not desire one hardship more to burden on an already overworked servant of theirs. I say "servant" on the blessed Christian principle "he who is greatest among you let him be your servant." but must, speaking scripturally, always consider myself as head of my Society & Committee.

15. Having no doubt my beloved Society will eventually see with me on this subject, and my stipend, £300 being due in September next for one year in advance, I wish then £300 also to be put aside to the fund I wish to raise for my dear wife & children. To that my Society, if acting as I direct, will not have