

had our two official guides now left us & should have been in a very son dilemma. As they went on notwithstanding straightway turned the palace & 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 marines going up quite in front of it some steps supporting they would en-
lue requested me to say, it was sufficient honor thus far, & that neither the
Japanese led his marines further. They were immediately given to understand
that had never been any intention of taking the troops within the palace,
& that they had been placed here to have a level ground where to be
drawn up in file. They were 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 Saito
Motoichi & told him to tell the Regent - who I observed went
about like a lost sheep - to be in waiting at the innermost
door or ~~gate~~ to pay before entering the reception hall. Now the
Commander dismounted, arms were presented while he passed the
marines, & entered the palace yard, a miserably small court
indeed, terminating in a flight of stairs at the right hand,
which we scaled passing against a door; turned then to the left,
& entered a very small yard, from which a few steps took us into
a pretty spacious yard, he passed my guide took us to a
central building, up the rising on a terrace, to which three
separate flights lead. Several steps would have me ascend
the left flight, but I refused, bending my way toward the
main flight in the middle. passing through a door inscribed 奉
神 佛, fuu-shin-mu, the god receiving door (intended,
no doubt, as flattish for the Envoy who represents the
Emperor, on occasion of his visiting the palace.) But, to my
lucky sight, after having emerged from the vanishing door,
I found the door of the great hall opposite me quite
barred up. & had thus to cross the yard out of the pavement
& get over to the left small hall at the left, where some
pretty small arms were assembled. For myself I had no
doubt but the real reception hall was the middle one, but

I have neither any Doubt, that neither the English had seen this book. Telling Ichitarichi that he may be involved in danger of life if the American Commodore was treated with less honour than the late English Envoy, he gave me full assurance he held at the left was that in which the English had been received. The inscription upon a large tablet, on the wall opposite the entrance was
擴延董 How you grew strong, which I should translate: Exalted youth, reared by fragrance," youth being the quarter where the Emperor turns his face, & of highest esteem among Confucianists. I have, however, some Doubts about the second character, as the inscription had been taken down by Dr. Wms. & he told me the second character was 茂, with which I could not identify it (the Dr.'s representation of the character being quite indistinct) nor bring out any sense. Ichitarichi also told me the middle door was the 内宮 Nai-Ring, Inner palace, where none is ever admitted (Except, I suppose, in case of the King's illness) to the Regal bower, seeing I had taken the lead & was marching through the middle doorway, left his post at the left side door & placed himself at the middle door to receive us, & so likewise at our departure, on my requesting Ichitarichi to arrange it thus, we were again led out through the middle door. - (*)

Of the meeting itself I have to say very little. The Regal & the three P'u-ching-Kunus (for all the three had been called in on the occasion) took their places at the East, yet not till the Commodore & his officers had been seated at the west. Dr. Wms. & myself remained for a good while standing on our feet between both as interpreters. There was nothing spoken beyond inquiries after health & age. The Commodore inquiring after the health of the Queen-Dowager, & offering his physicians to attend on her, a message (pro forma) was sent to her. - The presents were handed over to the mandarins, & then having been two P'u-ching-Kunus presents. He also invited the whole party to a feast on board the flagship, which ^{invitation} was accepted, & they were told that the feast would take

(*) On these difficulties, as the Readers will easily observe, & Doubts I would have been more than he, opinion dealt with the missionary on the same footing as the American Expedition did. It might easily have been arranged to bring forward my complaints either in writing, or at a second meeting from which I might have been absent. They sent over for the missionary's portuguese that place him before the native authorities as their teacher. Then they were to repeat.

place after the Commodore's return in about 10-15. days, for he was to leave this for some time. - nothing can be imagined more wretched than the tea, & the very cups out of which it was taken, & the cakes served on this occasion, which were actually raw dough & quite uneatable, except a few of another sort which had been brought in later. - There were not even ~~chairs~~ (chairs ~~straight~~
^{dark} mats) but only simple, & that very common mats spread in the meeting-hall, a ~~recess~~ of which was temporarily barricaded up with some old doors nailed ~~so~~ as to leave open the upper part, the walls with exception of a few ~~or~~ ^{or} between scratches intended for birds & dragons having throughout a dirty white yellowish ground. I was really glad when the proposal on the side of the mandarins was made to adjourn into another hall outside the palace, when some refreshments were awaiting us. Busy all along having scarcely taken a bit of breakfast, after a hard walk ^{to} Shuy, and the anxieties before & during the meeting, I really felt ravenous & needed some food. The Commodore was soon persuaded to accede to this invitation. The escort, under the sound of music, moved back in the same order as it came, and it was really amusing, ~~too~~ when I last told Ichirazaki to have the mandarins in waiting before we arrived at the place of the entertainment. To see them run & hop & roll themselves out of breath, at a rate, I am sure, which they never walked at. This they had outrun the ~~whole~~ phalanx, & then keeping up at double march strides till they were nearly out of sight, & discovered only when we arrived at the mouth of the street, the ~~they~~ wished us to halt. I thought first the entertainment would take place at the palace of the Prince, when Ichirazaki had told me it would take place, but I saw now this was not the case. & it came off in the office of the Regent. There were at least 8-10 tables nicely set out with a variety of good Chinese cold dishes, & the only thing I at first regretted was that here likewise the interpreters had to stand on foot between the parties seated at their tables, and scarcely capable of taking a bit in such position. By & by one chair was brought, which of course, I offered to Dr. Wms. who soon befriended himself with the Commodore's table. But I had then ample reward for my yielding & patience. The Regent, becoming aware of my awkward position,

June 1853. [invited me to a chair at the head of his table, so that I had a full proof how little importance they less attach to what foreigners would suppose them to be most particular in.事实上在在最高的 seat in the Hall, & at the head of the table when the Regent & the three Ondokoro Persons sat, being served by them in turns, & thus enabled to break my fast, & revive my sinking body. Johnasachi encouraged me to partake heartily in what I pleased, & several Te-fus congratulated me on the peaceful & friendly manner in which the audience meeting went off. In fact they appeared surprised, too myself was, at the total absence of any relevant communication made to the mandarins. In the Dining Hall, of course, if possible, this loss of a similar consequence was sorry. The answer (pro forma) from the Queen Dowager to the message of the Commodore arrived, namely, that she was tolerably well, though seriously ill, & that in London they would accustom themselves to call in foreign physicians now trust foreign medicines. - The Commodore wished the interpreters to convey his hope, that henceforth Englishmen & Americans would live together as friendly as they sat together at this meal. Once our American friend inquiring as to the mode of preparation of a certain dish, the Great State officers, the Regent & those Ondokoro Persons having consulted among themselves & unable to agree, whether the eggs or saki be put in first, the important time had to be brought before a cook of established repute, & notwithstanding the Commodore desired he stole again to the Doyze, matters touching the stomach were with our mandarins of much diplomatic consequence as not to yield, till they had arrived at sound & perfect knowledge in the matter, then I had to repeat the emanation of their wisdom. Dull & empty as our Regents' free works, his brains are retentive - particularly as touching diplomatic ceremonies ~~which~~ somewhat connected with stomachical efforts. & thus he, to my surprise, remembering what on occasions of our preparatory banquets I had told

him about our public toasts, he suddenly rose exclaiming: a Tum-
bler (takarizhi) for merikyu (america)! I had abruptly to do the same
jumping up from my seat & exclaiming: A Toast for America!"
He stood abruptly at once immediately rose & cheerfully assented
to the friendly proposal. - Repeated were the expressions of our friend
both concerning the inappropriateness of the banquet, & its unproportioned
duration, but the Resident & Co. intimated ^{that} Etiquette required, that though
the guests were prompt, the whole number of dishes must be brought
up before them, if for nothing else but passing review & being imme-
diately taken off, even that would suffice. Several soups (all deer
dishes consist of the same liquid poured over a variety of meats) were
thus picked up & immediately withdrawn, if much they were nipp'd at
& nothing more. The Commodore then proposed the Health of the Emperor
& mandarins which was drunk, ~~with~~ the thimble tumblers turned
upside down, after which the feast was declared terminated
& finished, & we withdrew. On our home way several of the Chi-
cans asked me what I thought of the tone of the meeting, & of
course I could not say otherwise but it was most friendly
& favourable. again they asked, whether now they would open
trade with foreigners? I said, far from this indeed. And I
am forward as long as our mandarins are not compelled to fast
instead of banqueting, no consent to any change of policy is
to be expected from them. Some also enquired my opinion of
the total absence of crowds to gather at the foreign pa-
rade, & I used the circumstance at once to demonstrate to my
friends, how little there is to be lost from a friendly meal with
Dross on friendliness out of doors. I did not, however, incline
to bring forward just at present axioms & prophecies that
my long dismal experience among Japanese traders made me to
be true, the more so, as there were some, who had no doubt
of meety, & that the Commodore abstained from sealing the
Commercial Treaty, solely, from a sense of delicacy for me.
When coming out from the mandarins' gate at Shing I saw

four saddle horses in waiting, & afterwards heard Dr. Wm^s & Mr. ~~Heine~~
Heiner had rode two of them. - In Fumai, behind a lady's phalanx
of wild lime trees, on a soft mossy level, whilst some officers of
my acquaintance had withdrawn to repose from the fatigues of the day,
my poor servant boy, who had tasted no food since the morning, was
richly fed by our friends. & a kind of toast was given for my
humble self, as the world's pioneer in Japan, which at any rate con-
vinced me our American brethren are pleased in so far with my
humble efforts for their comfort since they gladdened us by their presence.

8. The whole of this day we had hard, & partly fruitless work. The Com-
mander had strictly ordered the porters to settle their accounts, but
there was none of the porters to the go, although they had been repeatedly
sent for, & the one who after hours of waiting arrived, brought his
accounts with him in such confused state, that himself confessed he
could not make them out. There was also an order of the Commander
for 200. boards, which rather startled the porters - as they had ob-
tained hints of a Hospital which the Commander wanted to erect, &
brought the boards ^{to} ~~out~~ for that purpose -, & I could guess the less in the
manner as the order had gone off written by me, as wanting for the
Commander, and I was sur. if such orders were not obeyed to all
others would be known away. The porters left at two in the
afternoon just as soon as they arrived at 9. in the morning, and
when they came back between three-four p.m. I had again waited
in vain for two hours I proposed we should all run to the Mayor's
Office & then speak out how the matter would now end. We found Mr.
Lin-té-fu was delegated by the mayor to receive us, & after complimentary
matters we were told our boards should immediately come off, & the porters
you immediately come with his accounts. We had however to wait
till 9. o'clock in the evening before 99. boards had been brought
together, & had again to adjust the accounts. It was also
clear that what boards we got, we got in consequence of strong language.

gives him at the mayor's office, & more so in consequence of a treat submitted to the Committee at our house, otherwise we should not have got out a Dozen of bonds, an article they will make us believe is scarcely obtainable in London.

S. Ichirōichi comes early, enquires what do bonds run to now for. I tell him that myself scarcely know it with precision, but suppose they stand for 15m^l, where the artist do live ten require several partitions to be paid in the year. At any rate, I add, the bond must come off, or it will set some thing, as this is an order directly from the government. Ichirōichi told me, they began was very much to doubt my resolution formerly expressed of leaving this, & yet wished it all the more, that the Americans might be without a consular, who turned his experience in London over against the interests of the nation. I told him the artists were ^{more} ~~mostly~~ mistaken of my thoughts. I had not his interests at heart, only they must not think I misdirected the interests of the nation when those of 2-3. millionaires, whom we cannot benefit, unless they give up their horrid selfishness. To be brief, all the bonds came off as agreed, & the persons' accounts were also satisfactorily settled. I was particularly glad to be able to comply with the wishes of Purser Speiden (Mississippi) & of Purser Harris (of the Saratoga). Both of whom have acted towards us some children in a very much friendlier way than did Purser Barry (of the Susquehanna). It was indeed surprising both to myself & them. P. had notwithstanding the Lyndhurst friendly relations to us, & with withstanding the wish I had informed on several occasions, that after some talk, which Mrs. P. strongly urged after, not a note henceforth could be obtained. I told Mrs. P. to - say in presence of all the Purisers: my dear, your Purser Lopez has melted quite away! & I am sure none of them told me I was mistaken.

While we had been settling all our accounts Dr. Wm. arrived with the presents to be presented to the remaining two Bon-ching-Kerry whose names I had ascertained this morning for him. His meeting with the mayor was soon arranged & out of account & with.

Among the many calls we had this day, one came from an

June 1853. } Officer of the Mississippi. He sent me a message to come up to the
that 431. } upper temple yard on the top of our hill, & I do not know exactly
what to arrange how the boards shall be disposed of, or to see how he dis-
posed of them. I had thus the first information that the Commodore intended
to ~~make use~~ ^{make use} of his board otherwise than I supposed, and though, I confess,
I feel somewhat uneasy at any sort of American establishment
not only near me, but within our very premises. All my apprehension
at once quieted down in the thought that one more spot in this dark
heathen land is thus about to be brought into the firm grasp of a
Christian power. ~~in whose~~ God would surely soon be in possession of his own
property, from which iniquitous Japan has banished him & his
people. I suppose the Hospital, which the Commodore had mentioned,
which he had ordered to be brought under notice of the manufacturers, or perhaps
the Establishment for Daguerreotype & Telegraphic exhibitions was to be erected
near the mission house, & would in thus far be congenial with my own
work & pursuit. But how great was my surprise on coming up an hour
or two after to the upper temple, to find the side door, which opens the
beautiful prospect of Sumai & the sea to our western coast, quite surrounded
in with boards, & the very entrance wide yard in the act of being board-
ed up, so that I thought entrance would be quite forbidden me.

The officer in charge seeing how queer I looked at his proceeding meant
to console me by telling me that he remained a hole open over the
side door. Through that by stretching the neck, we might get a glimpse
of Sumai, & as for the main entrance, himself found it advisa-
ble to cut a hole (though he ought not to cut the boards at all) by
which one could pass the body. I of course strongly remonstrated at flying
him driven out of such of my premises, but the officer in charge said he
had peremptory orders, & if he did otherwise - the cattle would not be prevented
from escaping. The sheep would be in danger of breaking their necks in at-
tempting down the rugged side of the hill, this being naturally enough
would if the side door were left open. Why the cattle should not rather
have been sent to Sumai, where the Squadron had now a footing,
rather here on the most inviting sides & hills for pasturage, besides
the large enclosed yard belonging to the temple now occupied
by our friends, is what neither myself nor Mrs. P. could

make out. we acquainted several officers just at our honor with our
grievance, & they said, they were sure there was some mistake about
the method, & that I needed only mention it to the Commodore & our
matter righted. To increase the irritation we already felt com-
pany over us, there came back from the Hydrographical Division
bill, not paid for amounting to \$10. besides this amounting
to \$6. is to hand the passengers; for which, of course, myself
was to be responsible. — Not long after this arrived, all
in haste, Railing that the Commodore was to leave this to-morrow,
morning, to get some further explanations on a Despatch they had re-
ceived from the Commodore. The chief points in which, as far as I
can remember, were, the Commodore's yielding in regard to beef, for
which, in case they could spare many, the Squadron would put
up with pork; the second article gave assurance that all amercian
men will behave towards the other men, from which I could easily
infer that our foolish mauldrains must have advanced some of
their usual plots against trade on the score that the sellers on
the markets are women; There was also a finale which mostly
interested the bears of the Despatch, as mentioning the Commo-
dore's going to Japan to ~~conclude~~ open a treaty, which was worked
so as to make it plain the Commodore considered this part &
part of Japan, & spoke of both interchanged by. After having
given illustrations & explanations when he knew what it, I
was asked, whether I thought the Commodore expected them to answer
on this Despatch. I said: I knew nothing of this Despatch before
they had showed it me, & of consequence knew nothing of the Com-
modore's further wishes or expectations. I really intended hereby
to free myself entirely from the confidence de nature an
hostiles appear to possess in me, now that I never could
see with them, & once more finding it the safer part to be
part of all diplomatics, the more so as it was now evident
the Commodore did not tell me much of his affairs even with

is a point upon which I totally differ. first because we have plenty of
beef on the island & much more at Rurru-mu, and secondly, as while eating
on hairy beef we may be soon ready by us to accept of pigs right once