

The Esau temper of our mandarins, however, is quite the same with that of the old hypocrite, who lifting up his eyes upon the women, & inquisitive-ly asking: what meanest thou by all this drove which I meet?" yet, for a show, declined the offer, as Trochovans did, with a confidence "I have enough my brother, keep what thou hast unto thyself." and remarkable enough, like Esau, desirous of watching his prey & intending upon Jacob with domineering vexation. My shyness, under a variety of pretended good intentions for their victims, are ready with the offer: "Let me leave with thee some folk (spies) that are with me." Esau may be considered as the father of Japanese policy: greedy & yet knowing to bring it about, to be urged before they accept, & unless met with a stern rejoinder, more to surround & entrap the new arrivals with their pernicious spy-system.

The reader can thus conceive I had no easy task to perform in bringing our authorities to consent to accept of a present which cannot even be hid from public gaze. Yet I succeeded. Having first arranged a meeting for Mr. Wms. with the Mayor, at which invitation cards were to be delivered for the mandarins & even the Prince to present at the banquet of the 28th on board the *Tusquehann* myself had waited on the Mayor just while the banquet was discussing, & contributing my share in forcing them gone, that they considered an unheard of novelty, the invitation of the Prince. I had the merit of liberator to aid me in my errand, & was promised the sole influence of the Mayor & several Te-fus to hasten the acceptance of the present, so that the Cattle might this very day be brought on shore & delivered up to the authorities. Capt. Kelly having given me a hint, that he should be glad to get rid of the smell of the cattle soonest possible. - Indeed this very evening Ichikawachi arrived with a whole respectable party to receive the foreign Cattle, & I could infer from what they said, that the State phalans of our mandarins were in waiting to have the amusement of seeing the Buffaloes, of which species

they had never seen here any, which was a great inducement to make them receive the whole lot. I immediately sent off a note to Com. Perry to say we are in waiting for the cattle. But after a good hour's waiting to our great disappointment a note arrived to say the cattle would be landed to-morrow, a delay which I justly feared may cause the whole bargain to be disorganised. However we must try our best.

Commodore Perry honoured us this evening with a visit, on which immediately some articles I had ordered several days ago, & which never made their appearance, came off, a full proof we are entirely under the hand of the spies & underlings, who yield or resist according as expediency directs, for there was certainly not time to inform the mandarins of the Commodore's landing & getting their answer to allow the articles to be brought us. Upon inspection of what had been brought, finding all things of lowest quality, I refused acceptance, except of 2 pairs of silver hair ornaments for which I had given the material. Notwithstanding some officers who were just present had already divided among themselves the whole lot before I could clearly state my intention, so eager are foreigners after specimens of Lochoovan manufacture, that for some years to come the country could certainly make good bargains if but its judicious policy of the mandarins did not prevent it. I was curious to see how sharp the purveyor worked out, in the hurry the name of any of his unexpected customers, none of whom was provided with money immediately to pay, & he therefore requested Mess. D. to have each of them sign their name for what each had taken. I smiled within myself at the whole proceeding, & was sure that if less eagerness had been shown we would have got out much better articles.

25. The Squadron being under order for sea, & none of the persons being thus able to take openly upon himself the settling of the accounts subsequent of this order, & justly fearing I may thus be involved in difficulties, I wrote to the Commodore on this matter. Wrote also to Capt. Walker, offering myself for an afternoon service next Wednesday, my morning being engaged at the Plymouth.

A midshipman of the Plymouth having

not only loaded the cattle but even taken them up to the enclosure at
wi-nami, & unloaded his fodder before giving me any notice at
all of his proceeding, I saw at once, when informed thereof, how
much increased thereby will be the difficulty of getting the mandarins
to send for the cattle, which, if left on the beach, would by their en-
dangering horns have at once powerfully appealed for a speedy re-
moval. However, it was now done, & finally messages, one after an-
other for Ichiruzichi, who pleaded illness, & others, who had no time,
convincing me the mandarins to vindicate the disappointed yesterday
evening decision to ignore the whole fact, they had appointed to accept
the cattle. I rallied all the energy which the occasion so impe-
ratively demanded, & having got off one drove under the two
chinese coolies which had been left at nami. I could soon
dispose of natives to drive the sheep off after them, & thus took
them all in straight march to the office of the mayor. I
need scarcely say that the malicious calculation of the Japane-
ses collected there, on seeing me compelled to become the
leader to a drove of cattle, was any thing but agreeable
to me, but I assured them I would never spare exer-
tion - they saw me decided in perspiration - to the
mandarins to their word, & at the same time I sent
to inform the mayor that one of the cows is straying in
some lane, & he had better send for her immediately.
Thus was really the case, & the mandarins obliged to send
for the loose cow at the same time ordered all the rest
to be brought off from nami, except three pieces of
humped cattle, & some sheep of which the Commodore did not
yet dispose by the order of yesterday, & which it took much
pain & trouble to separate in the same fold from those
which were to be delivered.

This was a very hard piece of work in every respect,
& nothing could have prompted me to it, but a deep sense of
justice & truth. The mandarins having sent through me the
message of their appointment to accept the cattle I could not allow

June 1853 | myself to be fooled by them, & in general, without more or less using
that 439 | their wiles not have accepted it. This is indeed a curious lo-
gic. The presents made in the palace were immediately accepted, &
nothing in the world returned for them; they accept from us heaps of European
manufactures, & shatter like to us offered, with return presents, which since the
King's death have never amounted to even 1/20, unless it was a small present,
& yet sometimes they will be dragged to it before they accept.

was agreeably surprised after this return by seeing a painter
from the Mississippi arrive to put on some blue stripes on my book del-
ves & window frames. I imagine that left this to a missionary. He had for
2-3 years to sit before a square hole cut out as window in a small
back room which had served as meditation-black hole for bonzes. I had then
for an equal number of years yearly to paste it over with paper to
hide the many crevices of the walls & make them appear white. Now, the
two sides of my study mostly exposed to wind & weather, & where
the rain repeatedly destroyed the neatest bookbinding with which I had
endeavored to paste my walls into lightness & beauty, have recei-
ved one more coating of boards from within, & this by the kind-
ness of the "Mississippi" towards me has been embellished with 2
coats of white paint, on which now the blue stripes were to be
emblazoned, & in addition to all this I have now two square win-
dows, here by two feet. What an agreeable change! The
light on one side of our house in stormy weather, when it
in all others, is also an incalculable comfort. May
be rendered more grateful to the giver of all good.

Capt. Lee comes with orders from the Commodore, that I should
write to the mandarins, & adding as present the cattle that remained
behind, acquaint them, that he wished to obtain two horses.
Told Capt. Lee of the difficulties of this morning & that I therefore
thought it inadvisable if he should be shirred at present.
We both saw it necessary to report to the Commodore first. Passing
the Mississippi Capt. Lee kindly invited me to dinner with him.
was then sent over to the Susquehanna. The Commodore kindly
agreed to my proposal to let the matter rest for the present.
The Commodore kindly invited me to preach to-morrow on board
the flagship, & told me, he had sent his Chaplain, Mr. Bickings
to give me a formal invitation on his part. But on inform-
ing the Commodore of my engagement at the Plymouth he made

dropped. "Next time," said the Commodore, giving me thereby at once a good hint, that he meant soon to be back from Japan. - Accompanied the Commodore, who had conceived a walk at "wi-dumai" with several Speidens, who deservedly stand much in his favour. On our return to the residence of Messrs. Brown & Draper we gave the Telegraph a trial, and sent several messages to & from the upper & lower temple, separated from each other about one hundred yards' distance.

There was such scarcity of boats on our return that I would have had difficulty in returning home had not the Commodore kindly invited me into his own boat & banded me while steering himself. This was a rare ride indeed. *

25. Monday. The last was the third night I slept unexpectingly almost quite sleepily, notwithstanding my fatiguing bodily labours & the long walk & ride I had had yesterday, no mean proof how irritated & overworked my mind is, if strong bodily fatigue can neither succeed in bringing it to rest.

Studied my sermon over from the tent: Ron has prepared a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. "

^{arrived very early} Ichisawachi & Se-fu ^{Mr. Pritchard's note of yesterday, p. 10} come on official message (the humble underhand work) that the mandarins accept him to the banquet, & that I was to inform the Commodore. From good reasons I persuaded Ichisawachi to inform me the message, & we concerted, that unless they could be at my house before I left for the Plymouth, they should send an hour staff proceed to the Tusquehanna, where I should join them on my way back from the Plymouth. -

was received very friendly on board the Plymouth, but was given to understand - as is usual the case on men of war - that the service must be short, which induced the more warmly to pray

* On coming home found the following note: U.S. 1. Tusquehanna, June 25th 1852. my esteemed friend, will you please have the goodness to conduct the religious services on board the Tusquehanna to-morrow? I will come in a boat to-morrow morning & hope you will be ready a little before 10 o'clock. I mean accept present my kindest regards to Mrs. P. I accept for yourself & her most best wishes. yours truly

Edw. C. Pritchard.

for them & preach to them. had a very attractive & large audience, con- sidering that Capt. Walker of the *Frontosa* wrote to say, he'll send over of his crew as many as might wish to be present at the service. Left immediately for the *Inoquharua*. Ichitarichi had already deli- vered his message, and incidentally mentioned they had received in- telligence from Boating that a party of Americans had arrived, where- by we got in the shortest way possible information concerning the party the Commodore had sent there to survey. heard of the *joint* Return junky from China being in sight, but the news turned out to be unfounded. wrote note to the Commodore concerning the cattle & fodder, the acceptance of which I had by this time all settled.

27 wrote to Commodore

Naga, June 27th 1853.

my dear Sir

It having struck me that a few meteorologi- cal observations, relating to wind & weather, at Naga which I used formerly regularly to enter in an  sheet, might be of some use to your vessel, the purpose is to be left here, I hereby take the liberty transmitting them to you, begging at the same time be returned. The foreble took copy of them as far as they went in 1849. the observations were taken regularly at 9. a. m. & 3. p. m. The numbers relate to the thermometer, the letters N. S. E. W. & their combina- tions to the wind; small, capital & underlined letters indi- cating various degrees of the wind's strength.

I also transmit two each skins of serpents found near & the other at the back of our house.

I also keep sheep as the native saki two ser- pents & some more trifles, not rare at all, & which if you desire it, I should with pleasure put at ^{your} the disposal.

I still am in hopes to be able to get some native manufactured articles for your Collection.

I have the honor to
R. J. Beilken

The job of getting off the cable & fodder went to day very smooth. Only that Mitchell & Co. were somewhat too suddenly ordered off, which might almost have retarded the transaction had it not been too much advanced already. For one of the screws put on was, that unless the cable be soon removed the men might be kept here, who know, how long to watch it. The Commodore having kindly left me the choice of three kegs, I had made up a bamboo enclosure for Mrs. Kelly, a cage of good hope fowls, quite the pet of the missisippi, her mate, & a China ewe with young.

Mr. Spieden comes with the following note from the Commodore

Dear Sir

I thank you for the meteorological tables which shall be returned after some notes are taken from it. I also thank you for the reptiles which had been under the impression that reptiles, or snakes, were unknown in the island.

Will you have the goodness to order the passage of this ship to send me off to morrow morning.

I shall be glad to see you on board with the Regiment to-morrow. Boats will be at landing at Funai

At 3 o'clock P.M.

Yours

Wm. Perry

Mr. Spieden had beside a message to say I should mention what, or the amount I wished to, for my trouble about the Squadron, the Commodore being sure his Government would incline richly to reward me. I said, I trust entirely in the Commodore's kind & generous feelings towards us, for which I am greatly obliged.

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Mr. Spiden had also in charge a bundle or two of Calico, bed ticks, Drill or twill, linen flannel and I know not what. For which, I found, according to ability, change in some native stuffs. I rather declined this offer, but Mr. S. told me the parcels were entirely at my disposal even without such condition.

Mr. Bittinger came & gave me a written obligation for what several messes in the Desquenchanna were doing to oblige me by guaranteeing all that may still be sent off, or I could not have saved the ship, the purser having declined all guarantee. He was likewise kind enough to accompany Mrs. B. & the children in a boat to Mrs. Brown at Tumanai, where we all were by order of the Commander to be discharged, but I could not possibly come off for the present, the of the Plymouth especially requiring my aid in copying my ready legible meteorological notes. The last got off to Tumanai. The weather being rather unfavorable for the party, Mr. Brown & ourselves were obliged to have patience for repeated sittings till we were tolerably well fixed upon the metal plate. In the interim there was a great deal of conversation carrying on with the natives present on the process of the Daguerrotype. - On some in a native boat the native women marvelled at one can sailors smiling "just," said he, "as we do." well, we must admit, they are as clever as the Lookooan

Arrived at the back of your house just before
boat of the Mississippi overtook us with the following

For the pleasure of your presence & family in this evening requested to attend the theatrical performance of the "Dramatic corps" of the Mississippi. The performance will rise precisely at 8.00 clock. Very respectfully
J. S. Lee
Commander.

Rev. Dr. Beckheim, Napa.

A boat will be at your landing at 7.00 clock.

I now could have supposed any thing of the sort could take place on board a ship; I thought rather of attending partly from regard for the Commander's engaging request, & mostly to let my children get an idea of a theatre in an innocent way, than a similar performance once seen

will give rise in them to a world of ideas. - Coming home found a
store of robes waiting. Also Ichisarichi comes to say, they could not
find forks & eggs enough, no more could the mandarin find time
to be this afternoon a tumai to be Sappers' staff, although the Com-
modore had expressly sent Dr. W. for the purpose. & I should make
them excuses in both particulars. Boopedy however the visit was in-
tended to request me strongly, to make effort, if a ship was in-
deed to be left here, that it should not be stationed at Ooyang, as
his would involve his residing constantly there & being thus
separated from family & friends.

Having been without taking food the whole day I really
did eat this evening with hunger. went then on board the ship
when all the nobility was assembled. Officers, boatmen, milers
and negroes performed in a most remarkable way. The dancing &
singing of the negroes pleased my children exceedingly. We left
long before the performance was over.

28. Sent off very early the provisions onboard yesterday
by Commodore for the banquet of to-day, but by wilful
of our deceitful cook they were detained, all the while
we believe they had some off. His a note from the Com-
modore expressing marvel at their not arrival. This
paladin of our cook, or rather to his flight, we
may expect to be punished severely for his treachery
the Commodore.

The "Caprice" comes in, & Ichisarichi is
wise spring about as soon as he heard we had
come from our kind Bishop, Dr. Bridgman & Mr. Brown.
all very desiring & most of all the assurance that a misio-
nary brother was already on his way out. Ichisarichi was
shocked at this news, & supposed I had expressly written
for him since the Americans are here.

To show how the Loobooans know to detect private
trading the following may serve. Some of the ships' undermen
having repeatedly requested Mrs. B. to order for them a little
pig she ordered it, & though wishing scarcely 6¢ it was
sold them at 1/2 dollar. & they had of course to decline it.