

Johnaschi came very early, expressing his surprise at what he had been told, namely that I yesterday in Fumai had in the street loudly spoken up for the Americans & treated the Coolies unmercifully. "And how should I not?", said I. "To open a man five & sixteen is on your own doing the greatest cruelty, how is it that innocent children were forbidden yesterday during us a watering place? He was partly surprised, saying, as for the water they certainly had been in the wrong, she would immediately have sent a man to show the place. But, he said, it was not the water affair only. I had taken them to Fumai & placed them into the Rung Rung, & in general, the people deserved. I behaved to them as a brother & endeavored to obtain for them more advantages than for the Coolies. In fact I was always on their side against the natives. I said, I am glad the people see how Chinese, even of different nations, love one another & consider one another as brothers. "Even Americans and Englishmen!" exclaimed Johnaschi. Yes, said I, all you have read & heard of our quarrels among them is over. And I do hereby charge you, that no mandarins or people should be led into mistake, to make known to all concerned that I go entirely with our American friends concerning this their Expedition; the intention of which is to bring Japan to the same state toward European nations in this ~~which~~ ^{has been} done ever since the last war. But at the same time I tell you that if you think I mean it better with the Americans than the Coolies, you are again greatly mistaken. I am as much brother of the Coolies as I am of the Americans. But you know that even natural relationship with us cannot induce an honest Christian to betray truths. I should forgive my own father if he were wrong, & chastise my own child if he were obstinate. I am ready to help the Coolies in all things which I shall judge really beneficial for them, but shall never side with them to keep up among them their present foolish

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had always procured their water. Among them I was shocked to hear
me to find the spies reported to their usual manœuvres & frightened
of the boys who were just on their way with me to show us the watering
place. I spoke loud in strong terms to these fellows & a few others
who had this very morning been in my house with protestations of friend-
ship & yet now would not more nor allow the boys to move a step to
show us the watering place. - Went on board the Saratoga. & met
on my way three small boats carrying out - I suppose from
the Mississippi - the corpse of a young mulatto, a writer. It had
long been in a decline, to be buried at the Foreigners' Cemetery at
Tunmai, where the English sailor of the Alceste & two Frenchmen
are buried. - Saw Captain Walker & Dr. Wm. & told them
of our difficulties in getting water.

June. 1. Sent off early the following note:

Naha June 1. 1853.

Mr. J. R. Barry, Burn
H. S. Sh. Insquahana.

Lis. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note
of yesterday, & through you beg to thank Commodore Barry for his
kind intentions to my family & the mission under my charge.
Except the ten gallons of whiskey & a box of sperm candles
the other provisions were returned from reasons assigned to
your messenger. - Will you please to make effort that the
chart & the horses ordered by the Commodore be brought about,
& that a boat be sent me every morning to take me to
your office in Tunmai, as without facility in conveyances I
should beg to decline altogether any interference in the provi-
sions of the Squadron. - The letter for the Commodore has
been taken to Tunmai already yesterday. I am

Lis

very respectfully
your Obedient Servt
R. J. Beckwith

one box sperm candles, two barrels wild bread, two mcs rice & ten
gallons whiskey. The Commodore asks you to accept these presents as a
mark of his appreciation of your services to the Squadron under his
Command, and as an earnest of the intention of his government to
reward all who may contribute in any way to further his views. The
Commodore hopes he will have the pleasure of adding greatly to these
presents in the future.

I am respectfully, his
your obedient servant

J. R. Barry Doctor.

Overjoyed as I was with the written as well as practical expression
of the Commodore's approval of my humble services I could still not
be better than when the officer who brought off the King's copy of my last
Report, containing a statement which makes it clear that unless we
had a cellar or other regular storeroom the climate here does not
permit us to keep even salt meats, & much less this food for
any length of time; It would neither have looked well for the
Lordlooms - to whom nothing in our honor can remain hid - to see
us accept victuals from a Squadron for which we daily urge
him to find fresh supplies. We are besides neither fond of, nor
in circumstances compelling us to use salt meats. To the point
we could have made no present of them, because denizens for-
eigners are here strict seclusive measures are enforced much
beyond usual. We had therefore to send back all except the can-
dles & the whiskey which latter we supposed our torpedos & other visitors
might like. We were rather surprised that notwithstanding we had given
Mr. Barry, on his yesterday's inquiries, a hint that we should want some
soap, entico, ^{Camps Chapman,} shoes for myself, some butter & some other articles, all
which he noted down, none of them had been granted us:

In the afternoon a gentleman - whose name for obvious rea-
sons has better remain a secret - absolutely wished me to show him
some wreath which I did know that any existed. He spoke so clam-
orously & behaved so curiously that I knew not how much
boldly to get him off. With great difficulty I succeeded to per-
suade him to follow me to Tumai, when I was told he shipp-

May 1853.
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ed for his services which we want for the interest of the
Squadron? " my dear wife likewise told me - he had been asked,
whether he would permit me to accompany the Squadron to Japan?"
although both question prompt your adopting my humble self
as member of your glorious expedition, seen as in the event of
my going to Japan it would be necessary to make various ar-
rangements & to give definite information thereof to my connec-
tions both in China & England I beg hereby in my plain way
to have yours, word or writing on this my destination, if such it
is to be. In this case I would also beg your cooperation at
your agents in China to find for me an american subject
to act as steward in my house during my absence. I shall
certainly not neglect to urge my friend to find me a
suitable man whom I am ready to salary according to
his position in society.

May I beg you to please to order a boat to be
sent for me every morning to take me to the office,
where Dr. Wms. desires me to be, & to bring me back
in the evening. till the horses will come forth.

I have the honour to remain
with profoundest respectfulness

Lv.

Yours most humble & obed. servant
Dr. J. Beckelheim

No sooner was this off than the following note arrived:

U. S. Steam frigate Susquehanna
Napa 31. May 1853.

To Reverend Dr. Beckelheim.

Lv.

Commodore Perry has directed me
to present you for the use of your family & of the mission
One Barrel Beef, one Barrel Pork, one Barrel flour,

Commodore M. C. Perry
U. S. Navy

Naga, May 31. 1853.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that your Squadron has now an office in shore, in a position eligible from a combination of many advantages.

I have been asked - of course in private - whether the door of the palace should be opened to you in a friendly way. & of course, I answer in the affirmative, sparing the natives - which I sincerely concur - that yielding will prove most conducive to their real advantage.

Notwithstanding this they will try - & this Interprete has publicly informed us - to put upon you to-day concerning the great palace-meeting, and it is likely the chief mandarin already introduced at the Insquidanna, will himself be his visitor. He could scarcely be refused admission, as he might think himself thereby entitled to a similar step when he pleased to shew. In my humble opinion if Dr. Wm's can manage to be at the office on shore while the Cordovan authorities approach the Insquidanna the unwelcome visit would of itself turn out of a failure as in absence of the Interpreter nothing could be spoken. This palaver however has a drawback, & that is, that the native Interpreter himself speaks English tolerably well, & which he gave yesterday astonishing evidence before your officers.

Would it not do to have a board or two hung over the entry of the Insquidanna & set in a man or two to paint on a little paint, or drive the nails deeper in, so that the ship might outside appear "under repair" & unable to admit a high personage.

In a note given me by one of your officers yesterday

manifold waters. - we had now some time & immediately set out for Fumai in search for a house. The plan I thought most advisable was, that we should first resort to the Ningkuny, and for the mayor to tell him of our request, and in case - as was likely - he refused & made expenses of overpayment. & no house being found empty, the officers would suggest, that the very house they were in would suit them, and this being a public building rarely used for official meetings. & mostly serving as school, its occupation cannot interfere with the rights of any. In short the plan was pursued & fully carried out, and though the mayor sent only telegraph. A Fe-fu & Ichimazidji (as ^{had been} showed his day off to great advantage his little english) our friends remained in possession of the house. Dr. Wm's hastened to inform the Commissioner of what had passed the approval of it. - I must not omit to mention that while on board the Sanjaga Dr. W. handed me over a morocco bound large quarto volume, being the Dictionary of the English language, by Webster, & presented to me by the Editor, in honour done me certainly undeservedly, but for which I feel all the more grateful as he lists the North Dictionary in Macmillan's Training & Walker's volume. I have not a single book of the sort, and as a Foreigner living much to write in the english, feel the need of it very much. Dr. Wm's also gave me the only copy, he said, he had of my last letter to Dr. Barker, bearing on this mission. I was sorry to observe in glancing at it over, that in some places it has been so censured as really to interfere with the sense & connection of sentences. Nurse Banis also gave me a little box, containing well wrought tools of Chinese clay, which pleased my children much. - I returned from Fumai water late, very tired, & having a good head ache upon me. my night was utterly sleepless.

31. There were several things ~~to~~ which I thought it best to draw the attention of the Commissioner in my usual straightforward way, partly arising from conversations had yesterday with the Fe-fu and Ichimazidji while at Fumai, & which he reader will at once understand from the following letter:

we be humbugged by little Lew-chow? shall we be powerted hising a han
or purchasing what we want, what is to be got in abundance, for our
own money?" Our friends appear to have forgotten, that Lew Expedition
now - don't enough - was to be a friendly mission. I call it done,
for they also expect to get ^{in a friendly way} any confection from Japan, in the slightest
approaching a permission for foreigners to do or obtain any thing without the
viceroy's interference of government. Now, they had never had the sim-
ple notion or intelligence of Japanese matters.

I had this time taken with me a tobacco stand ornamented
with silver handles, intended for the Commodore, & a Cossackian
eating box, of the better class, for Commander Buchanan. The former
being indeed a collector of rarities, a grand plan with my humble
self, of the latter I never heard or saw any thing to infer either his
pleasure or displeasure: - The Commodore ordered Mr. Barry to
hand me over the rule above quoted, on which I could say nothing
better than that I trust entirely in the Commodore's kind dispo-
sition, & assured him once more of my faithfulness indepen-
dent of any regard to reward. - He now gave a written order for
some officers of the Saratoga & Dr. Wms. to accompany me
on shore where we were to get our office for the Squadron.
He made however of course life with my humble self.
I was soon on board the Saratoga. There he Captain (Walker)
& Dawson, Mr. Davis (he in remembrance of his own children
had taken a strong liking to ours & is hence very kindly inclined
towards us) very friendly received me. Imagine what was my de-
light on finding in Capt. Walker's table a large Quarto book
entitl'd "Holy Bible" and on my prying & squeezing his
hand to hear him say: This is my Test.-book! These
are refreshing episodes in the dry business of my Commiss-
arial, & give one nerve to receipts under a posture of
eagerly proriding orders & receipts. - The Wms. immediately
set ^{down} at copying part of my little vocabulary, which I presented
him a copy, having drawn some impressions at once on the

May 1853, coming from I had been told, that he had travelled throughout
that year all America, & great part of Europe, Africa & Asia, &
was just in England on his way home, when his friends advised him of the
Japanese Exposition, which he needed little persuasion to join. The party
had also four Chinese coolies of their own as carriers, & wanted only guia-
des, which I was sure we could easily enough obtain for them in Corfu,
& which indeed they were soon accommodated with.

Mr. Barry, Consul of Bangalore, came showing me
a note he had made under dictation of the Commodore, as follows:

Ask Dr. Rebelleau how he can be compensated for his
services which we want for the interest of the Squadron, whether
in presents of provisions from the ships or in money. - Ask him
to obtain a place for us to land our cattle, bulls, cows & sheep,
& how they will be taken care of. We can land some coolies
if necessary. Ask him to obtain a house for our use on shore
going to land our men for exercise and drill in small
parties at a time, tell the mayor not to be uneasy, the in-
habitants are all friendly. Tell the people the same."

A moment after Tahirarichi was again announced
& I hastened to the back side of the house, where Mr. Barry
told me his boat was in safety, to escape a trying inter-
view by a trip to the Bangalore. Unfortunately the
boat was far from our house, & while we made towards
the place when she lay, Tahirarichi came hard upon my
heels & I had hardly time to jump into the boat, to be
able fairly to tell him, I had for the present no time for
his business. Mr. Barry & de Bussy de Saraboga,
Mr. Morris, who followed me land, loudly discussed among
themselves, what method, in their view, would be best to
overcome the craft of the native authority. Of course
a good deal of plain application of force entered their
first scheme, & I heard Mr. Barry once exclaim:
How did we do with England?!" The inference was: and that

Toward evening two officers of the Satsuma called on us, wanting a boat to return on board. While waiting they expressed a strong desire to possess some Londoner articles, and having with me some of the handgarnments I had ordered while the Sphynx was here I gave them each a pair. Then when he first who obtained something took leave, & they were the first who showed me something imported by the Squadron, a few cigars. Hitherto I had not been able to get out of the whole Squadron even as much as a cigar, & not ~~even~~ for many.

To show my readers how deep my interest is in this Expedition, I must acquaint them with the fact, that notwithstanding my heavy morning business on its behalf, & going to & fro the Toguchiyama, which lays about two-miles off my place, & doing the honours of some visitors, besides sending off a good batch of provisions, and getting rid of an grim-sister, I have written this day a short vocabulary, including some necessary phrases, & a few grammatical hints, stretching over twenty-eight two columned pages of large 16^o size; a labour by which I hope the Exploring Expedition, which is to go out to-morrow, may be greatly benefited, & the whole Squadron be greatly accommodated.

30. Rose refreshed, & fortunately so for the heavy labours of the day. - First of all Ichirarichi & some Fe-sus officially called to consult me about what they were to do. No easy matter of course. All I could say was, that they should first lay down their plan and I would honestly tell them whether it was good or bad. Naturally enough he came out with complaints of my coolness & indifference to the nations (i.e. the mandarins') trials, nothing of which I could see, maintaining that none intended to do them any harm or injury, & that they needed only humanity to perceive the day of visitation, of which I had so often told them that it was nigh, had actually come upon them. They could now not doubt both from what is going on in China which is preparing for Japan, that the earth is the Lord's, & that all nations must bow before him. - Most opportunely then came now in the van guard of the Expedition corps, at the head of which stood the Rev. Mr. John or Jones, chaplain at the Mississippi. He was charmed with the little vocabulary, & I read ^{to} him a paper or two to exercise his ear in our intonations. The party consisted in all of three or four gentlemen, including the draughtsman, Mr. Stein, and another, equally tall young man, who speaks fluently the German language, though born in America, & con-