

Dear John,

Canton August 16th 1834.

Your very welcome letter of the 12th reached me this morning, and having been 3 days longer on the way than one of the same date from Mr. Lillapier, must have been unnecessarily detained by the Postmen. As we are subject to so much delay in our intercourse I lose no time in making my acknowledgements.

I presume ere this you will have received my letter of the 10th giving some particulars respecting Mr. Forbes arrival, to which I have previous little to add or at present. nor can I answer your enquiry as to the relative position we are to bear to that gentleman — I shall watch all the weathercocks however, and if they tend in the same direction, will tell you which way the wind lays.

I observe what you say in regard to the things in your room, as also of their removal to no. 3 but Mr. Forbes having been in possession for some days, after your room & the other being now occupied by Mr. Cubot, think it best to let all

remain till you come up.

You were a lucky fellow in getting letters by the "Logan". I did not receive a line - the papers I am sorry to say are so scarce that I cannot accommodate you, but we are expecting a parcel in long from the ship, and if they come in time will send some down.

The "Thetis" is at Whampoa; the Ricci unsold; the Tides are rising again, so that Chaps will not be able to go down for the present, and I fear that Lot will fall upon your shoulders yet. The "Indian" also comes to the house, with some soaps & specimens -

I am apprehensive from the rising of the water for two days, that we shall have another serious inundation.

We hear today of the arrival of 3 American ships, one supposed to be the "Emily Taylor" one the "Curelius", and the "York". Should the first-named have arrived ^{by} previous to the 15th please if convenient pay Corham \$5. otherwise say nothing about it. The English Trade is stopped - today there has been a meeting of the English merchants, at which Lord Napier declared that he had the power to

bring the two ships of war within the Bogue & he would do so if it became advisable, his object being to get the opinion of the merchants - which of course will relieve him of the responsibility of such a measure.

The "Andromache" had been ordered to cruise outside for a few days, but has returned & will come to the mouth of the Bocca Tigris with the other ship & will be ordered to Whampoa if it becomes expedient. I have been writing in great haste, and would enlarge, but the boatman is waiting, with a tender of my respects to Mr. Hathaway & telling of your family - I am yours, sincerely,

A. L. Low

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