

Dear Irving

~~Canton~~ September 9th 1834
Ship "York" - Whampoa -

I received your letter of the 1st inst
in due time, but didn't reply to it, as I was expecting
your early return to Canton: - but since then the
state of things having been very much changed, I
now conclude you will continue to make yourself
comfortable in Malacca, and hope that by then, your
health is so far recovered, that there will be no
drawback upon your seasons of recreation and fes-
tivity - You will in all probability have
seen our friends Howard & Forbes in this, who can-
not do better than continue with you for the pres-
ent; the intercourse with Canton and the adjacent
places having been entirely suspended -
It will probably have been made known to you
by Mr. Backus that we are all here, without
the power of changing for the better - Hunter of
course is in Clover; - From the time that Mr. Hens
left Canton, he was planning daily to get down, &
on Saturday afternoon last, found an opportunity
to bring down Captain Wepburn, who was unable to find
a conveyance in a China boat. The same evening letters

were received in Town from the Alexander Barney -
and at the same time we learned the Captain was
on his way up with the Reg. and there for the Can-
signe. The succeeding morning he not appearing we
became anxious, and shortly learned from Mr. Crompton
that Captain St. Croix, has passed the "Bernie Kehine"
the previous day, on his way up; and we supposed had
fallen into the hands of the Mandarins at Haubenas
Fath. I volunteered my services to effect the delivery
of the letters, and shortly started in Company of Mr.
Coolidge and Cabot in the small gig. for the above
named place, where we learned that he had been
sent back to Whampoa with his letters - we con-
tinued our exertions, and as we reached the "Nile" saw
Hunter just starting to go upon his Sail Boat - we
stopped him however, as it would have been im-
possible to have passed with Captain St. C. on board -
who remained at Whampoa - While Mr. C. Cabot
himself started in Captain Hepburns boat - we were
fired upon just by Haubenas fort, but with a
Chap we have procured from the Mandarins ef-
fected our passage up to the "French Gully" where
our course was arrested by the fire from the Fort.

Trigants Mandarins &c. It only remains to return
to Whampoa, where we are quartered upon the "Parish"
without even a change of clothing, and ^{with} no hope
of relief, all Mr. Green's efforts to send some down
either by Launches or Chop Boats having proved
unavailing - even the transmission of a letter
being attended with difficulty - in this queer pos-
ture of affairs, should any safe conveyance offer
to send the letters I left at Haubenas to my Successor
in the hour of need, pray so do. - It is very sing-
ular that all of our House with the exception of
Mr. Green, should thus happen away from Canton -
It is a very interesting period with us here - the
Frigate being now at the Second Bar, having freed
their way up, with loss of life on both sides -
The excitement in Canton in consequence is enormous
and where the difficulties will end, to which the
measures of His Lordship have given rise, we
can form no idea - Mr. Green has declined sending
down either Chops to the "India", presuming it
as I suppose, imprudent to receive more property at
the unsettled moment -
The English merchants are now interested in any inter-

-Course with Thompson, Cook's Coalies &c. So that will
have to wait them away from sulcer Luccas or Parson
Can serve them - even in this case, I think they must
be starved out - unless some change take place -
our Friends in Canton have done what they can,
towards procuring us a special licence to come up
but entirely without avail; representation, at this
juncture, to old Manana, being quite useless - He
is paralysed with fear - —

I have not been called upon to weigh in in the case
of the "Hector" or "Lover" and hope that our Employers
have come to the conclusion, that it is unnecessary
to send down any one on such business - —
We fortunately have the Sail Boat with us, which
affords us some Amusement, and had we but Chatter
to wear, I should feel contented to remain here a
while - I find excellent accommodations on board
the "H.K.", the Cabin being on the Superior Deck of
the packet, that Cross the Atlantic, I am transported
thither imaginarily whenever I enter it -
We hear today of the arrival of the "Hector", but
have no other news from behind -

I remain, Yours Friend
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My dear Sir

Received of you
the sum of £100

