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Kung Kung, October 1862

My dear Mr. Parker,

I am always glad to receive your letter. I will improve upon your patriotic virtue by a prompt reply, which is an ancient habit of mine, enabling me to keep down my correspondence—otherwise, it otherwise would be in a state of uproar by rebellion.

In the stead of the Imperial Commission, we are said to be cut off—an event without an Imperial Commission is an event that any body with whom we can officially address ourselves.
international affairs? It is
out of the question to predict
what will be the result of any
movement in a country like
this—where every thing seems so
remote from every thing. I
the suppression of public opinion is
always bad. Besides it is the
thing of government only to remain
as much as it can—without any
attempt to establish absolute authority
where that cannot be established
and old edifices last long when
nothing is annexed as much as

If Mr. Webster would
assert the opinions he so eloquently
but
but towards his earlier days
in favor of his "Old Friends"

intervenes between nations— he would
carry with all intelligent American
opinion—"if he stands when
the narrow basis of protection to
the productions of dear old castles, or
return of dear James, at least—"
—"I am only driven by conviction
then I should rejoice in his success.

I see my country enjoying such
blessings from the
emanation of commerce. That I
cannot appreciate the determination
that shuts its eyes to mouths, that
have already convinced even the
most obstinate adherents to the
protection system in England — I put this fraud in the position of a speculative fraction — but a great, obvious, Philosopher of Real Science. I think your Manchester friend is safer in Canton than he would be in China or Kowangh — but the appeal to his own class of officers is not evidence of the conduct of existing representatives.

Very Kind remembrances to you, ladies. Earnestly yours,

John Murray.
With the profoundest Compl.

The Rev. Dr. Parker

Boston