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My dear Parker,

I heard from home of you a few weeks ago and I write to tell you a little of what I have been doing. There is no change in the traditional policy of China. The four American traders having received unsatisfactory answers at Shanghai were to start on the 1st for the Gulf of Pechili to try themselves in a direct communication with the Court. I anticipate no other than the usual answer — "Go back to Canton. Here are your grievances. Whatever an imperial commission has been sent to write you. What will come out of this remains to be seen. Of course the Allies will hold Canton until matters are arranged in some way or other. But I think that they will not all be satisfied."

at Canton before they went. Worth it would have been better if they had been better. I doubt much if the new dignitaries will do as well as we could have done had it been our government to have us to carry out the policy we initiated. Yours will be the task.

The thanks to Peter Parker.

Washington, N.C.
The defence of Canton was absolutely contemptible. I expected the evacuations of the brave, cruel and in a word, I believe but I did expect there would have been a certain amount — the small — of resistance — but few men would at any hour have taken the city. The ambuscades after taking it installed in Peking — a great mistake in my judgment — for if there be worth to write, it strong censure — it is in new both, for he in which is living effect to the purposes of the allies, and strong enough in rather crostly enough to lead services to the imperial cause. Parker in all in all — but I said not tell you what his fault is — faults to which his influential position bears enhanced development. It is a great pity that the question of retribution of the ground question, the question of ancient claims be not at all arranged in Canton, that they might have come to the West without involving the sovereign in those matters — as he certainly has lately shown no disposition to pacify the barbarians. Yet, the attempt to use a brutal savage — ignorant beyond belief — to limit a matériel as to
new quite indifferent to her lot——this advice at first to ascertain whether or not he was to lose his life. This demeanour from the first was one of total indifference making us inquire——taking no information——accepting no fact. This conduct seemed to be to talk of the number of rebels whom he had captured. I then said, "The war is not only I among them 2000 cheek."

I then inquired an eye will be, but as we met them in a word. Yet is the incarnation of Chinese prejudices—picks & ignorance & our wonder at its obstinacy—no arrogance for such a man. They found much evidence of his divination & stenomancy & thus his case we think is really believed in our old原因之一 that the city could not be taken by us.

The interview had much disappointed us. Some of the ponies are beautiful—but generally as a city is no inferior to many I have seen. I sought out the famous Henan Tom in the Temple of the Ten Great —wrought piers of stone. Kind regards to all of lady. She had been a miserable sufferer. Her work towards her church. Then is better. We have an ambition to our household—& we have a servant our little Shing. It is appointed, private stay to bed nursing. Having gone into the interview it was thought a lady might somewhat of an entertainment so she came here.
Sir John Browne
13 April 1848
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