"Capn."

Department of State

Washington, 10th Nov., 1847.

No. 1.

Sir,

Your despatch of the 28th July last, and numbers thirty-two, has been received.

In consequence of the death of Mr. C. N. Pei, it becomes necessary that you should be placed in charge of the Chinese Mission, and the President has accordingly directed me to request you to act as Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim, of the United States at Canton, until the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Eaton's decease can be filled by the appointment of a successor. I am happy to believe, from the ability and fidelity with which you have performed the duties of this appointment on a former occasion, that it could not be entrusted to a more competent person.

For the contingent expenses of the Legation, within the usual limitations, you are authorized to draw on the United States' Bankers at London, Messrs. Barings Brothers, &c.

Iam, Sir, respectfully,

Yr. ob. Serv.,

James Buchanan.

P.S. For Mr. Parker, Capt. 10, 12, 14.
"Capey"

Department of State.

No. 9.
Sir,

The appointment made by Commodore Piddock, on the 16th April last, of Dr. Peter Parker, as Charge d'Affaires of the United States, ad interim, was quite satisfactory to the Department.

Upon a careful examination of his proceedings in that character, so far as they have come to my knowledge, I find nothing to condemn, and much to approve. Entirely consonant in opinion with the American residents in Canton, that on the occasion of the dangerous visit of the 8th July last his conduct deserves warm commendation.

Every precaution which was proper had been used before a resort to force.
James Buchanan
Washington, 10 Nov 1847
re: Charge d'Affaires
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