 Canton 25th March, 1846.

To His Excellency Kwang Sen Tung,

Dear Sir,

Your esteemed favor of
the 4th of June, was only received, congratul
ating me upon my appointment by the
President of Society of Singapoo. I heartly
wish this in some degree is not held too high a
position in my heart, or the high confidence of you
have granted me, that I dare not appro
Hence since the receipt of your letter, it had been my
intentions, to reply to your but from the instruction
of business, I have been more than the matter
of public duties, and the care of the hospital,
have prevented.

Permit me now to take a clue to acknowledge
your favor, and to explain what is the greatest
occasion of joy to your kind friend. My promis
has been unexpected. This Excellency the last thing,
only to his return, to America, expected to me his
conviction of the obligation of my service being
secured in some form to our government. I wished
to know my friends, in the same. The subject should
come up on his return to America. I then informed
him that my object is coming to your Bene"
County was to do the greatest amount of good possible to the Chinese, and that if while doing that I could render any service, however humble, to my own country, that would I delight to do so, but no pressure or other subordinate considerations would induce me to think of it for a moment.

Mr. Cushing having returned home, spoke of me to the President, Secretary of State, and the result was my appointment by the President, and unanimous confirmation of the Senate, as Secretary of Chinese Intercourse to the Legations, to the Treaty of Peace with China. In my acceptance of this appointment, I have pledged my honor, that in the discharge of my public duties I shall be ever watchful of the interests and the honor of both countries. For I regard your honorable country as equal with my own. In all my public acts it shall be my aim to act impartially, and to do justice and righteously. That we are embattled in the same fight, and though of different men that you and when the game is all, is a matter of great delight,

With sincerest and long live to the good benefit of Western society. 3 11, 1846

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