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Sir Yong of the Imperial House, Governor General of the Supreme Services, a Director of the Board of War, Vice High Chancellor, a Vice-guardian of the Heir-apparent, Minister and Commissioner Extraordinary of the Taiping Empire, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Honorable Envoy's dispatch of the 30th ult., which he fully understands.

Truly, the late Commissioner was one of your Honourable Nation's most distinguished and highly liberal-minded men, and was friendly and just in his public transactions, and to me, the Imperial Commissioner, he was a sincere friend, whom in all our transactions the past year, I have highly appreciated, and the surprise and grief I feel at his sudden demise is very great.

It is fortunate for me, however, that all the affairs of the Legation are again under the Superintendence of the Honourable Envoy, that I am reconnected with his sagacity, which again shines upon me, so that we may more pleasantly and happily pursue the beautiful eyes of State.

Certainly your arrangement in mind acquired in the service of your country, fortell your installation, not as acting but as actual Commissioner, to the increase and permanency of the peace and amity of the two nations.

The Imperial Commissioner, as behooves me, will duly report to the Emperor the two subjects contained in your communication, in conformity to your instructions.

I make this special reply, and embrace the occasion to present you my compliments and wishes, that your honors of promotion may daily
accumulate. As requested I make this reply.

The foregoing communication is addressed to Peter Parker, Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim, of the United States of America, to the Taiping Empire.

Sung Kewang 37 year 5 m. 28 day.
4 July 1827.