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Dear W.

The aurora here three days ago & have been regularly storm-staid ever since with rain & snow at 13000 ft. ! No signs of the weather clearing yet. I give October a bad name but you & your wife are inclined to withdraw it for this. Campbell now says October is always a bad month. I have not had worse weather than this at the time I have been out.

We have no news whatever having followed the old road than for a very bad Campbell found it. This however charmed with the scenery & the total dissimilarity between the temperate zone of the river & the arctic ranges. The P.S. he has not seen yet. I was with

aware when writing about
the marches that you had
received any definite informa-
tion about the marches taking
an independent course to the
plains. - Campbell tells me of
it. He says I am sure, in what I
told you before, that I at
once gave way to any oral
information on the subject - in-
deed in the absence of any
information that I suspect that
if my two authorities (Nimbo &
Dablang) on your notice

Campbell is truly a splendid
fellow in the jungle & near
through all his advice counsel
& & & to me to the White
blacks, & behaves in every respect
the antipode to what I did,
very properly I think, for my
civility forbearance & endeavor

to carry out ^{my} advice did no
good whatever. On arrival here
a few minutes after myself I
found him storming at the
ruffian Peppan, getting with
fury & swinging his vesting cane
over the man's head. The
Seymour thought he has never
spoken to him in anger. He abused
& frightened the poor Devil out of
his small senses & finally sent
him down yesterday with a flea
in his ear. He has ^{quite} a fine
pompous flow at all these
involunt Daps. & I do nothing
but to wait him on his ^{former} advice to
me - He never would believe
till he saw them what sort of
men these are & I think reports
having refused me power to
carry out this, the only line of
policy.

The Tchela Luma is a trouble
& behaves admirably. The victory
over Peppan was ours and

Cheon

for Rajah, Lemia or Saha is
those complete. If he does not
bring the Chinese guard down
on Campbell as he did on me
two months ago, we may do
a little. + Meanwhile we are
storm-struck with a vengeance
my mind is made up fully
as to decision of climate between
Sichuan & the N.W. - I have had
no good weather since the 23^d
Sept. - & that this month, i.e.
middle of Sept. to middle of Oct.
is rainy all the way to Szechuan
is unendurable.

Campbell rejoices my heart with
any account of your well looking -
he says he formally requested having
me as a mediator or judge in the
matter. & as you say nothing about
it I am at a loss how to proceed.

He C. arrived at Chongtair a mere
shadow, as white as a sheet, unable
see cheeks & lived like, pale &
complaining, utterly incapable to picnic
in the hot valley. I should not have

known him any where else. Now
he is rapidly recovering health strength
& looks, I may say nothing of this -
he is greatly alarmed lest his wife
hear of it. Campbell's spirit
judgement circumstances? & promptness
here charm me, what a contrast
to all his advice & sermons to
me from Dargulung. He evidently
did not believe one word of my
report on the authorities, either
of their actions or motives. So I
tell him candidly. He is as happy
as the day is long.

I want for nothing so pray
trouble no more on account of
stores. How I wish you could sub-
stitute seat with us, it would make
you hair curl as you say.

I hope to be in with Campbell such
much west till the Rhod. seeds
& those are as
are ripe & yet quite green
Campbell ~~stands~~ ^{brings} as had a
description of Gorney as you give

Then must be a screw loose
about you people sending
to A'chal for paper - Mine
went & returned last August
in 17 days - you told the same
story last year, they do this, &
the first batch sent ^{last year} & have
never been heard of since neither
men paper or money - I would
not allude to this but that
Campbell says you have detected
some peculation amongst your
people.

No news from home or

Shrewsbury

Your very attached & aff.

W. S. Hooker