

July 5th 49.



My dear Asiatic

My letter of this morning
had but just left when two of
your coolies arrived, bringing a
part of the stores Sugar & pepper
the Umbrella Tea & biscuits, all (but
the pepper) in dis pensable & most
seasonable. of Sugar but a great
deal. Your letter is however the
real & great gratification, as it
sets my mind at rest as to my
past & present proceedings. Your
counsel is most wise & I have
acted up to it, better reduced my
mouths to the minimum & worked
hard. My late starvation has
been the worst of any, but never
gave me uneasiness as the former
one did, for the bridges going was
the calculated upon, & I was
successfully outwitting the Bhottas.
My men though so fatigued
never complained. I knew they

dared not to stop my
supplies. & I never was unhappy.
I at one time quite expected
to reach Cheen by that route, & this
bayed me when I crossed the
stream 11 days of wet & cold
bullying & fasting. Could I have
gone on 10 days before I should
have done it, for Nimbis & I had
agreed to bridge the river by a bed
of stones which is now swept
away; & though I do not see my
way beyond the shed I do not
think that might have turned up, for
Nimbis is very clever & from Meepe
anticipate.

To day a Luchan (who I know)
arrived from the Rajah with orders
to smooth all difficulties he brought
me within a handsome present,
for which I beg C. to make a suitable
return - I took care to make no
complaints whatever to him of the
Luchan people. as I know they did
all in authority. & told the Luchan

that really they were nothing to me
one will being as good as another
for my purposes, if high enough &
accessible. The man keeps hard
that I will not stay long here as
no bridge can stand the winds,
& the Luchan route is good & well
bridged throughout the river.
All this is very true & as far as I
can gather the route to the Niche-
Matian from Lating is certainly
arranged. Low hills for a long
way so that I expect to see
nothing in that quarter. - As soon
as I can get a fair collection of the
superb plants of this place I shall
go up to Lating & then return
to Chongtam.

Upon Shikani near Chongtam
there is no difficulty in sending
food there from Dajiting & they
shall accompany me to Luchan
& try the snow. I think this is
best. I am earnestly desirous that
some Zoological prints should accrue
from all this expedition, for I will
so many many troubles to me,

friends. but by George a more
dead country than this is
inconceivable. daily weeps
took out the gun for Shikhar
but ~~the~~ ^{two} Westerns is all we have
seen this 2 months & one covey
of Pheasants, one Western we
shot, a very young one. with
small shot. Just another brace
or bird even tempted a shot!
How I do wish you could see this
podor та кадофудор. it is the
loveliest thing I ever set eyes on
I expect it is the R. Lyellii. just
look in Poyton if that be introduced
into England. named after old Mr.
Lyell I sent roots this morning
Maupole, who I asked to send
some to you & to Mrs. Bowdler
the ant. sub. wild plant. That
I may send to New. The cold weather
Wattubi's Lilium giganteum is
flower at my tent door, left high
& deliciously sweet.

I send a copy of a letter from
Mumbest to my father, who
had answered the Buren long ago