

Lacken alias Lanting
August 31. 1869.

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My
to

B. H. Adams
P. O. Box 15

Weybridge

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H. H. Adams

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Lachen alias Lanteng
August 30. 1862.

My dear Maria

Your letter of 23^d & its
charming Enclosure, reached me an
hour ago, & though I have little to add
but of continued success in my herborizations
I take up my pen to thank you for
your warm & flattering expressed wishes,
all you say will I hope stimulate me
to future exertion, it is the more
agreeable for being written in your
ignorance of my late successful tour
to the frontier, whose results have so
much overtaken my most sanguine
expectations. I cannot tell you how
heartily glad I am that Lord D. should
have heard of me through you, & that
that time & spoke should have found
partly my wheel of fortune. - I had no
idea of Campbell's having made the
application, it is very kind of him &
the help is truly acceptable, though
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his applying for. Thanks God I was
not asked. I am you know a some
foolish matter as proud as Lucifer &
the dread of its being thought that
I shall incur favor with my Lord for
future advantage, & of being quoted as
a precedent for similar calls in the
Indian press, are either of them a sufficient
reason to prevent my being accepting of
any application in my favor to Govt.

I am well satisfied that for many
reasons, Rome is not the place for
me & that the £300 is far better
employed in the Himalayas. - I wish
they might make it £300 additional
but that I cannot expect, it may
be only £300 for 1050 instead of the £400
I have hitherto had. In respect, my
father gives without a penny, & I cost him
far more than the £200 he allows me
here, when at home.

I cannot tell you how disappointing
this season is, I have been in the mts.

all day for vines, but not one glimpse
do I get of the glorious scenery surrounding
me. all is mist fog & showers of
rain we have very little & I should
not complain. I collected good 20 new
plants to day & really I cannot keep
pace with my duties at all. I am
further startled by finding seed-time
begun! & now I must do something
for New papers, i.e. the gardens. - In my
conscience I believe I ought not to
leave this, August & September &
October will be seeding months, all
of them & to spend the flowering season
only in pursuit of my branch, for
Nary, & go back when the New duties
should commence would not be doing
my duty. There too are the hardy plants
calculated to withstand our winter &
England since particularly demand
my attention - so I must with your
approval & Campbell's consent, struggle
on here. I think too I find whole

natural order wanting, & cannot
doubt but that this flowering season
is to come. I should collect seeds &
dry fruits for new Museum, which I
have hitherto not had time to do.

I am now well insured to my very abundant
life & in the full spirit of hard work.
The British Rajah can offer no objection
to my going on as I have done but what
insolence & the mere desire for me to
be gone may dictate. & further I think
I can see much less jealousy objections
to my visiting Lachow, far from any
inhabited Tartar district, than
attended the Lachen frontier. My conduct
too at Lachen must, or ought, to ~~not~~
dispel any real or pretended alarm
as to my motives & objects. - Now that
^{the home} Govt. has behaved so handsomely (considering
how hard up it is) the continuing my
life of labor at its maximum is the
more imperative.

Now that another year is to be spent
in the Himal, I feel as if my duties were

triple, ! what would be left
unless 2 years might be excused on
the ground of 24 months being too little
no one can say but that 3 years is enough
if well employed, & please God spare
me health & strength they shall be.
One thing is certain, my curiosity
about Tibet is not ^{quenched} ~~quashed~~, I mean
is so far, so that, I once hoped that a
two or three day march therein would
have effected much. Now I am
convinced that nothing short of the
whole journey above to Shigatse in
Dobtan will add much to what I
have done - but I may exaggerate
my own performance, though in truth
it offers little to boast of - I hope
my letters will enable you to judge
accurately of its results & must beg you
explicitly to demand of me further
information upon any point. - One
thing I forgot to tell you - that falls of
2-4 miles snow are met in common
throughout the summer, or all the table
land south of Kinchi jhow & Kimpa, &

and upon the three Tibetan ^{ranges} ~~trails~~
or water to Shapa, but it ^{or very rarely} never
remains the day - This argues a great
power of nocturnal & solar radiation,
shows strongly how slow the effect of
the latter reaching the P.S. far within
the southern limit of the P.S. belt is
wonderful.

Chompa all safe ~~at~~ August 6th.

I love to write very busy writing to
my father - I send you his little
& pictures. convey ^{my father's} grateful
acknowledgments to Campbell
Yours of 16th & 18th are arrived
I trust & shall be answered anon.

Very affectionately
Yours

I shall be a week
here, sorting my
plants.

Wm. Darwin's Geology of S. America

J. S. H. Allen
with the "journal"

asked for Compound Catgut for
bothering you & leading you to suppose
I would apply to him to do anything
for me in your house. I can't
Schneider (not Schneider's, or any other
Dutch painter) & Catgut, & the
day he has not returned it; or
I asked him for it.

Yours
Sark boldy.

Potatoes

Onions

Pepper.

Flour, with the very fine wheat makes
tough Chapatties.

Table-Rice.

Butter.

Pray do not send me your Salmon,
the substance necessary is enough &
more than I deserve.

Soap no where to be found - Pray
send me some, I am awfully badly
off "for soap" & use a great deal.