

Thomas Samuels

October 13 1861

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Farjeeling

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Prima, Sanclais

October 13 1862

My dear Sir

I have just crossed
in 450 times that must as
I have to say I can scarce keep

my eyes open. Campbell arrived
here before dark & has his
letters all but finished to go the
first thing tomorrow morning.

We have spent the best
part of four days in Quebec.

The little Lama managing

capitally. Hamblet he hasing

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The duplicity & subtleties
I had met with ref. the
character of the Tibetan
authorities. C. made up
his mind ~~perhaps~~ at Lijang
to break the bones if possible
to leave no stone unturned
to do so - this mind once
made up he never swerved,
one inch but carried all
through to my perfect satisfac-
tion - whether altogether
right or no is another matter
he has not committed himself
I firmly believe & ^{has} outwitted
the Nepalese & Chinese authorities
I believe to perfection.
The conduct of Sangtan Nurbah
never got a civil word from
C. was finally dismissed

from Gyang, to the Dalai,
with face blackened. The
suffragan, ^{Peppin} Peppin who I found
to be what I stated, (a half
outlaw fearing no god man,
man) was stormed at &
threatened with death & what
not, - he was fairly frightened
incorrigible by the Lama into
obedience & apitance in the
matter. At the Pap we
were met by the Kambhijang
Dingpa, 17, who & a group
of suffragans of all descriptions
the case stopped of course
The Peppin got frightened, the
Lama entreated C. to wait &
see the ^{Chen} authority, & I seeing
nothing better to do, gulped
a bead; Campbell keeping
the people from following.

- One of the stepped rock tiles
I reached Chetumal lakes,
wh. the Lacas. river all the
way - The river emptied wh.
of course & late in the day
I returned meeting formidable
halt way ~~but~~ who had
successfully cut through
all obstructions. No boats
were laid upon either of us,
but the coolies were stopped
& sent for the Lima & Pepper
no summer ride could cross
Joh them through. ~~Now~~ could
we ourselves.

In the evening the Lacas
came after us & camped, the
Dinghies riding a yoke & the
Lacas all looking terrible
with ~~mountain~~ & blank
faces. Next morning after

due deliberation we laid a
trap & caught the Dinghies,
including Miss & Aunt - us &
to accept ^{I should} of justice &
as desert !!. whereby we
now appear in a wretched
trip. from base breakers.

The poor Devil, Threasta (as
they kept out of our way, but
we were bullied & harassed
by the ruffianly Lacas, on all
occasions. - Ascending a path
by the Lacas, the second evening
which was my surprise to
see ~~such~~ such, an enormous
summit with exactly the
same place Chumalau.
I was about 8 miles North of
V. shore & had bearings of
V. Janga of Im Nish & of
Wanga Chumalau, all of which

bearing came in beautifully,
creeping at my feet, & as
I lay, proving there to be a
huge Mt. due East, along
the line East from Chumino
by N. Snow Mountain, exactly
where Turner places Mt.
Chumalau.

Reporting this to Campbell
he agreed at my earnest
intercession to stop, where
we were (on the bank of the
Sakien N. of N. Snow)
another day. - On the following
we again went North, the
Sakas is a devil of a waffer
& endeavoring by threats to
to stop us - we however
pushed on to the top of

eminence & again saw & took
bearing of the Mt. I also
got angles from which I can
make a real estimate of the
levation. The word Saka
means that beautiful Asanuth-
Camp. Thiller took me,
not intentionally however
but they are rude, ignorant &
required the very highest hands,
Campbell & I could hardly
bear on them. A solitary
stranger in this part of Tibet
would be surely misused &
cruelly treated in this part of
Tibet.

On this side the Mt. was
indeed the main course,
& low hills dipping precipitously
Eastward were exactly what
Turner gives as the boundary

his lakes.

The views of the Tibetan
horizon &c for a few feet to
50 or 60 miles are viewed, from
East to West were perfect.

The Arun valley, watertop
at our feet & from the
East & North, converging
to the great valley of the
Chomango, a flat sandy
plain bounded by tremendous
mts. - Cholamo Deme,
of about 10 ~~square~~ miles
square, spread all around,
bounded by the spurs of
Chomango & Dentshi on the
West & East, & flow on
South & the Namboying range
on the North. These plains
die South to the Saker &

North to the Arun feeder ^{the}
which I dead empty valleys of
sand & cover as I said above
to the Westward. Beyond these
10 miles of Arun, the whole
Tibetan surface rises into
hills after trees is reaped
precipitous mts. capped after
deeply with snow, along almost
the whole horizon, North towards
Dzitya. There are breaks, when
N. East, where the extreme
distance other snows are seen
an immense way off. N. West
are stupendous snows, but so
distant that I could not ~~get an~~
angle with the Theodolite.
Standing as we did at 17500
ft., nearly all the horizon was
above our level & the peaks
much so, though probably some
exceeded 22000 ft. except the

partly distant N.W. South of
as the sweep of Animal.
Snow was unequalled.

The hill is from some cupped
mass N. of K. pinga, by
Chumains, K. Jhon & Deaulah,
C. Turner Chumalai (which
I call to because the Lebas
did it) then the Animal.
traced state to Northwest
of East, by some gravel
traces slowly showed Peals.

North of said Chumalai.
Noaups Chumalai I think
is a note on the S. shore from
Turner, C.

The bed of the Lake is
a broad sandy flat, occasionally
grazed. Part of holes of the

tail less rats & Fox of animals
(I am sure saw one, I saw two
Kiangs as did many of the
people). Two Antelope had seen
a great flock of small birds,
plenty of Hares, & great many
birds. A few Shikari was
so knocked at that he was
in tent at day. I saw also
nothing down. Swallows,
Hawks, vultures, Ravens, stone
chats finches, Gulls, Quails
& other water birds were in
great plenty. Also on lack
of plants, but all burnt up.
North of this the country
becomes still more sterile
with no habitable is any where
visible. The roads are quite
trackless except by a few rivers &

To find one's way over such
a wilderness without guide
is utterly impossible. There is
no snow at 19 & 20000 ft.,
very little water or grass
any where. The cold intense
at night. At the wind & dust
at day almost grievous. Campbell's
people are nearly all knocked
up, all mine hearty. I himself
ditto but suffering from sore
eyes more & that, of all which
I have recovered long ago.
Last night we slept at
Cholans later, & this morning
came over Douvrat Pass
the other. Ascended to nearly
20000 ft. to look out for
crops bearing for Chumalain
but: vain. I found a
fine bed of *Populifera*

Amurensis & Siberica! I yesterday
one of fine flata at the back
of K. Snow. I have also
found from the soil, a real
live shell & the ponds
(*Agave*) & various curious
plants, quite Siberian in
type - & soft. I might have
reaped a capital harvest.

We often wished that
you could have seen all
we saw, but in vain - your
name was constantly in our
minds & is yet, but with no
real wish that you should
be here - it is a desperate
hope literally & truly, upon
these papers. - Good bye for where
you are dear B.
The Quigley & Baker accompanied
us to the Douvrat Pass this morning

on rather did C. & the party
for I lingered on the Thibet
side till late & have just
arrived here, walking since
dawn & very tired. My two boys
& the mule & mule I loaded
with stones, knocked up & are
left behind. Poor souls.

I send a letter of Thurman's just
arrived - by Kangle he means
Kiangla & he mistakes me
about Thurman's paper. - See
what he says of Starchy &
let it dispel the illusion that
there is a solid clique in that
corner of the Himal. Should
I come with an eye to do
with him? I have engaged a
good Khitmidja through C.
for my future travels. I cannot
get on with ~~him~~ except for
stunts. In your affectionate
P. H. S.