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Larkham 2 mantles above
the village (same plan as
before) June 11/49

My dear A
Some coolies have
just come with your letters
of May 22, 27 & 28. which have
greatly pleased & instructed me.

The former should have been
received long ago. I ^{wrote} to you
discussing on the topics therein
discussed (Najah &c) should have
been thereby modified and it
came to hand a proper time.

Now I am still with prospects
better in one respect, worse in
others. The villagers have, all
but 3 souls, gone with the P. P.
to hunting me, & I am right
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efforts by this route) that I did
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ground at the tents opposite -
From Goliah I found an excellent
road ^{back} to Lachen on the other
side of the Lachen river.
bridged over the torrent from
the North, which we hope
may lead to a Pass, but whether
it does or no, is yet uncertain
we did not find the road.
On the other hand the Sushah
Prinjs word that, this, the
great ~~the~~ branch, is not the
Lachen, but the other to the
East, is, so I am all out as
to this being Campbell's route
"around by the Lachen" to the
Satang Pass. It rained all
yesterday & I lay by, right glad
of the rest for my hill is
very sore & a hard hit with
a Bhan from Palesok, when
cutting through the jungle,
has notched the Kumbuk bone

of my right hand little finger
which prevents my holding on
so well as I should. I am
right well, very hungry & full
of hopes of the future, but every
hour convinces me, that
without success I could do
nothing & that my giving up
Chin to him, when I did, was
most wisely done. Both he
Prinjs & all believe that the
Sullagus will leave the Chinese
alone to the border, & much
activity is getting me along by
this other route, convinces me
that he is not conspiring with
them, and I am plenty of other
proof of that. They are perfect
stragglers then. Whether's some
matter for King no Kairan as
you say. Mr. wanted to send
a complaint to the Rajah which
I of course is contradicted severely
All accounts agree that the
Plateau is clear N. of me, but

whether I can get thro' any,
where ~~two~~ West of Lating, remains
to be seen, you & Harshbuck may
depend upon my every exertion
being used? That I have
much to depend upon. To him
I have enjoined no dis regard
to the Whithers should ever be
forced to retire on the water
track. I have good reason to
know he hates them & that
they have treated him ill; &
he is a turbulent Lepcha after
etc. He is profoundly ignorant
of this country of course & I
shall have difficulty in
persuading him that the
Lating Maidan is not that
of Chui: - he is so much
threatened too by the Rajah
that I cannot wonder he is
anxious. His orders are much
peremptory to take me to

the Nat. Pass of Lachung & to
the bridge which is on the
Lating plain, & which, crossing
a small rivulet, there separates
Chui from Sikkim - That a
bridge is the Pass, all affirm,
& hence their attempt to pass
the bridge over the Lachen (the
branch I mean) upon me on
the tomorrow - it once was so.

I have now lots of food, very
very many thanks for your
generous contributions, ^{on its own account} the
Ginger bread was a capital bit
as diverting my attention from
the "little Harshbuck's" case, which
I was eating like a schoolboy
yesterday, from morning till
night. You would laugh to
see me - who hardly touch
meats at your table, eating
them so greedily in the jungle
where they are perfectly delicious.
Now that I am out of sub

mat & cannot get funds &
If the preserved meats are
invaluable & a little goes a
long way. Indeed I cannot
be grateful enough to you &
Lampbell too for your liberality
I might not so to trespass on
your kindness, for there are
times at Duxbury & I have
money now, & this I tried to
impress upon Whaffren, with
very limited success. None
Perhaps if he were to tell
the truth.

My collection this year is
increasing very fast - I found
12 new birds to day - all these
are of course all birds, & quite
to be expected from this climate,
but one new to me & will
increase my list in New

England.

I am much puzzled what
to say about your Shikani &
fearful of your supposing that
I send them back to Choughton
because they are troublesome -
The fact is I do not think
Nuckuss a good man at all,
& when we got to a most in-
convenient place I assure you I do
not see his face day by day,
except to complain of want of
food or shelter. My reasons
for sending them back were
expressly what I stated, that
there was no food for them,
they did not bring the coals
I gave them, & gave them coals
for, from Choughton & there
was also badly nothing to
shoot for food or stuffing.
But my doubts were

about Lachung when I go
there. The red jacket. Dargah
is very active, never complaining,
& always busy: always comes
with his salaan & show me
his days spat. & was much
afraid you should think his
getting nothing at Lachen
intemp. - He considered Chooytan
an excellent place, as it ought
to be, rising in one hour from
the Tapis to the Pine forest.
Perhaps of course thought it
a happy change to be sent
back, because it ~~was~~ ^{is} warm
there. - Show you will say
"me your own judgement." &
my only fear is, lest they should
lose a chance of picking up
any thing near the Tapis.
I have lots of food lots of

coolies & housing. They have
always had a coolie more
than they said that they
wanted, & except for food have
never been stinted. For my
own part. I am extremely anxious
that some zoological results
should turn up from my expedi-
tion, for I cannot find time
to go out shooting myself.
Nimbo carries my gun & has
since leaving Lachen, but
except a pheasant when he
was out with me I have
seen no one thing. Kindly
let me know whether what
they sent from Chooytan is
good, they say yes, but is they
kind of rubbish in Nepal -
if not they will better try
the same again & accompany

me. to Larkham.

I am seriously concerned
about the extent of the repairs
you have required, it will
be a ruinous cost - for what reason
see the probability of a sale,
that money is untreasurably
spent & lost, when called for
after so few years occupation
by yourself. - it should not
have been so depend upon
it - when counsel had
you as to the soundness of
the tenement? - I wonder!

I assure you with regard to
my promise 'about Chees, I
put the Duke's' accordingly
wholly out of the question -
I could not but consider the
bearing of the Nazules under

on the case, which I should
have thought would have
carried more weight with
Campbell, for that alone I
never would have given in
an inch. The question became
one of expediency & simply,
shall I with the object of
going into Thibet, ever reach
the paper. - Refusing to answer
was evading my intention? I
that with such an intention
success must be my enemy was
sure. Without a guide I never
could have got on even here &
here I am for 5 days past on
the wrong scent, not only as to
the branch of the river I should
have taken, but as to the
road up this river, in short
I have as ill ^{luck} ~~trouble~~ would
have it taken the work
of four parties. I don't wish

the will eyes are laughing
in their sleeves - mean times I
am keeping them cooling their
heels up at the pass, to the
number of 120 people! There
the difficulties of the country
to which I succeeded, & there
you see I did not overrate.

I am deeply obliged by the
kind tone with which you
sympathize with my disap-
pointment - I am perfectly
positive that had the people
not my assurance that Muzib
was not my object; the
Lahore road would have
been cut off in 20 places. I may
be wrong for there is no red to
Whotera decid, but I do not
think Muzib has deceived
me. He has never in word or

in deed put the smallest
obstacle in my way, except
in executing the Durbar orders.
not one of which I gave any
formal answer to; the Durbar
ordering me back, required me
either to obey or not to obey,
& I of course pointed blank
refused to obey it. Except M.
sent it to Campbell & he
ordered me to do so. I said
over & over again, I receive no
orders except from Campbell.

Muzib is a devoted Servant of
the Nizam & I am inclined to
think he knows & cares little
about the Deewan. C. I think
attaches too much importance
to the Deewan. who I never
have ever spoken of with the
most ordinary respect in Sindh.
while the Nizam is always

spoken of with beauty good
will. Scarcely conceivable any
one like Muzer sub-betraying
it had he been schooled by
the Dewan. Again, what the
Lahore said of their conduct is
perfectly true. I have seen
nothing like them any where

as to those Lahore Whotties
they are half mad, you never
saw such senseless stories -
they are not properly cirrines
Whotties, but the genuine
Muttian breed. I firmly
believe I am a conspirator
& can do them incalculable
service. They sent for the
Lahore on account of my
shooting I am told, to arrest

the evil. You never saw
such an alarm as the gun
created. I doubt if you could
bring some of them to touch
it. They equal damn at a
great distance for my tent
to look on, & if you say 'oh,
run like small people'.

I have read Strachey, Snow
line report, which Campbell
sent me it is not perfectly
clear - certainly our Snow
line is much lower than
his - I shall make very
accurate observations here
where I am now, being
N. of the greater ranges of
this meridian - This valley
runs E.W. & the Snow is
certainly over 1000 ft. lower
on the S. flank than on the
North. I have seen no

glaciers had abundant
snow 30 ft deep at 10000 ft.
Below that, at 11000 ft.
had 60 ft thick. but the
genuine peak exposed P.P.
I take to be ab. 13500 ft
on the S. flank of this valley
& 14500 on the North - if
any. They I am making it
too high on both flanks.

but remember last winter fall
was very severe & this is not
the height of the melting
season.

Ever with again very
grateful acknowledgements
for your kindness

Yr. ass'tant

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