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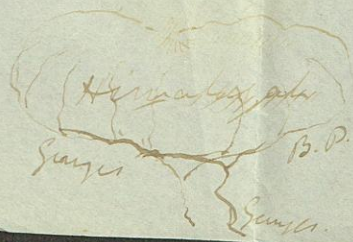
My dear B.

It is an age since I have heard from you, & since my visit to Pimkoka Pass nothing remarkable has occurred, except a run of very bad weather. — Injurious to all intents & purposes except that the autumn fall is nothing to compare now I think it has cleared up again, & I hope for a recurrence of the usual <sup>rainy season</sup> sub. climate, which is splendid morning, showy afternoon & cloudy night.

I am getting on to the Dulich Pass very slowly, for in such foggy weather with snow falling abundantly at 15000 ft it would be impossible to go far ahead. This valley is much remarkable for the flatness of its floor on the N. flank, to which precipitous mts dip suddenly. As ever about 12000 ft; there is little dip seaward, not above 3000 ft

in 20 or 30 miles! all an old  
Lake bed, most conspicuously so;  
evidenced by ridges of stones from  
the Lake floor.

I am trying to know what  
you are about in Geography &  
how the ice-age progresses. - I am  
strongly inclined to think that  
the Plateau of Tibet may prove  
really more the water bed than  
the Himal. We have now 3  
of given names, to which it is  
undoubtedly so, viz the Arcon  
Tibet & Matchiron all contiguous  
rivers! you have told me the  
same of others <sup>of some of</sup> the Tibetan rivers  
are reported in. It would be rather  
fine to exchange the Himal altogether  
& seek the sources of all in an  
equally high latitude with the  
Himal, Ganges & Brahmaputra



Don't laugh at  
my wonderful  
chuck

Just see how Dogmatical  
Meadell is about the Snow line!  
because Strachey makes it, (Soluble  
not most accurately) 15300 ft in the  
N.W. I am to be admitted to do  
little here. - My <sup>own</sup> <sup>opinion</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>formed</sup>  
before I ever saw the snow, that  
the Snow-line <sup>is</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>same</sup> <sup>from</sup>  
the poles to the Equator, a hundred  
miles long path come out right.  
Will you give it there 14500  
if I remember aright.

I think I have found a glacier  
after all - & it is of a totally  
different character from the  
European & only an exaggeration  
of what are common enough, &  
what scale patches of glacial  
Ice. falling in narrow <sup>irregular</sup>  
steep gullies, and like the Swiss  
snow-caves, <sup>is</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>same</sup> <sup>kind</sup> <sup>as</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Swiss</sup>  
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These are all, more accumulations  
of frozen snow, than streams of  
the same as what I understand

these glaciers.

As to the snow line here it  
can never be regarded as a Strachey  
class, <sup>in the sense</sup> Our September &  
October glaciers so heavy & are  
truly Chiniseal. - I say that  
the N.W. snow line is not lowered  
till January. This is distinctly a  
glacial mountain matter. - Perpetual  
when I now see we have glaciers  
abundantly & perfect? shade below  
13000 ft - this does not affect the  
snow line I know, but it is a  
singular circumstance very common  
in Siberia even at 11000ft -  
it shows how fresh the sun's heat  
is to raise the mean temperature  
of the summer solstice  
Can any thing be more striking  
than Thomson's & Madden's remains,  
the first falling of a fortnight  
not long! weather in July - at  
Switzerland the other of the series  
setting in on 25 July! at Almonk.

Only forty two Fossils & a  
Swiss in May & June, & which  
quartz allude - I do not understand  
<sup>that to be</sup> cool or agree, but than English  
fossils so prevalent in hot countries  
in England.  
Madden's tallies the  
prevailing feature of the elevations  
in the N.W.; - how much from  
Siberia where at July 20 miles  
within the range, where the  
ice roams over so great a part  
of Siberia no pine is visible  
below 10000 ft  
By this cruise I have lifted the  
Tropical genera at good 1000 ft  
only Lauri Thalassia &  
Am flowering plant I have just  
found out, is totally different  
from the N.W. series of alpine  
flowers till May - March!  
& I could guess at the elevations  
parallel of months & place of  
will do so when I have the  
N.W. materials.

My future prospects begin to  
occupy my mind. I will not  
go through such another Siberian  
Summer as this, nor would it  
be so profitable, when  
the Empire is so poor & prosperably  
depressed. The latter is however  
expensive, & is too expensive,  
as you see that £300 is all  
the first year for next year, except  
my 7 apples for more & both he  
& I think it better to draw it  
in a small way, & prep the giving me  
a settled position & salary on my  
return. I should not however  
flinch at paying the old Gentlemen  
for £300, more he could not afford  
me, as he has at great expense  
& has no allowance whatever.

Pray don't send me more wine  
& spirits. I do not drink a bottle  
of wine in a week & the brandy is  
really unpalatable.

I send in a lot of roots for  
Campbells & your garden - I hope  
they will live, but really the  
young Pines require more care &  
skill, which I cannot carry  
on. However I will do my  
best in future.

I am grieved to hear of the  
affair of the Siberians, which I  
have detached myself from. The  
deeper insight I gain into these  
people the more ready I see  
that the Rajahs or dear me &  
mine, that I was not to be  
treated as a gentleman nor  
considered as such in Siberia -

Could I tell you the violence  
given for me & my birds, you  
would be as surprised & shocked  
as I am, that an English man as  
of this & further should receive  
such treatment at the hands of  
a free independent in  
British cross. It is not as I told Campbell

As if I were where I had no  
right to be. Without I have lost  
mind of the ground matter only &  
suppressed the violence & spirit  
displeas the whole affair  
like many water seems coming  
stone to me & heaven there  
no spite to the Rajah now  
one stream to the to be punished  
or no, but to be protest I  
am that to conduct should be  
suffered for months & months.  
People at home will not believe it  
I don't care whom fault it is, J. G.  
Director or agents —

Yours affectionately

J. G. Hooker