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My dear B.

Your very kind letter of  
Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> has just arrived, such  
those preceding it are all in the  
same, so you must excuse my  
apparent negligence & reference to them.  
I'm understood, that when I complain  
of long silence on your & Campbell's part,  
I refer solely to the Post & cross. It is  
impossible that any one could be  
better & more kindly treated on a  
correspondence than I have been, & am,  
by you both: so many so long  
communications as I receive, were  
wholly unexpected, much as you  
have to think about of private respect  
than the wandering Jew.

I am greatly delighted with your  
hints about Nepal, coming as they  
do to meet my implicit wishes  
way - I'd assure you I was situated  
in my choice, no help of my Father  
with us I understood that, than by  
the feeling that you would approve



careless idle inattentive dirty  
housed & such had very little to  
do with. The lethargic Gentry cannot  
be won & so I will try him there.  
Hesperian is I believe a steady &  
safe inmate, & if he will only  
keep Hesperian to work & pack roots  
he may do good service at Jollibabuan.

Seeds of corn for the elevation  
are useless. The plains, but I will  
make a selection when I go below  
for you. My best compliments to Mr L.

Do not agitate yourself about my  
abolishing the Hernal. nor take  
what I said to the letter. I really was  
& am, struck by the Arca's long course  
~~and~~ to abolishing the Hernal. I should  
only be a comparative sense, as one  
who previously looked on them as  
all the water bed, directly to the  
Southward. My very best you will see  
that I hold them as still more than  
water shed than ever. & expect  
that the mean level of the Hernal  
band may prove <sup>even</sup> greater than all  
beyond it. <sup>than</sup> your remarks upon  
the Northern drainage still necessary to

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India are remarkably accurate, & what  
I have been lumbering my brain with  
in confusion form - I was not aware  
that the NW<sup>e</sup> tried to abolish the  
Hernal. Thomson accounts on the contrary  
to throw overboard my idea of there being  
any water bed to the South, from South  
& ~~through~~ <sup>through</sup> the main range. In such puzzling  
points I find it extremely difficult  
to express myself - I will swear by the  
truth of the contents of Pan's denial  
if such river beds, every feeder come from  
N. of the chain. What I meant to  
get at, is, the idea that your water sheds  
are of more importance, importance  
than we can grasp, till we know  
more of the country N. of the chain. The  
that I think N. of Siberia we have a  
basis of the Arca. How far west does it  
go? Was the Eastern branch cannot  
have less than a 70 mile course! more  
probably 110 linear. The Eastern & Western  
branches both I think you say  
come from beyond the snow. What are  
their basins? What are the ranges  
confines the waters of the trough,  
must be I should think a reference  
to the Hernal or the N. what the  
Sub-Hernal one - one of the Western



river is represented as having a  
"Whitaker course, Equal to the River!"  
In short what I would say perhaps  
comes to this - that we limit the  
Annual too much, calling it such  
rightly in one sense, what is strictly  
the N. slope (ramp when ramp) of  
the Annual. The subject is infinitely  
more complicated than I ever supposed  
it could prove. The mountainous  
nature of the country N of Cholame,  
whether (as ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> cannot deny) the  
basis of the River, or no, has given  
me a wholly different notion of the  
Great Plateau - this winter. I  
do assure you I try all I can to  
lower my estimate of these mts & to  
attribute much to disappointed  
expectations, but it is all of no avail,  
the very fact that my country should  
look mountainous from 17500 to 18000 ft  
is staggering, & I have never been one  
year ago, & believe to 19000 ft, & these  
mts do not sink on the horizon. - They  
occupy a whole quarter of the compass.  
Hardly recovered from these shocks you

wide sub-winds at my feeling  
ambiguity. I - on the N. winter they  
pressure & distill to me what my  
water beds are to be & where I am to  
cut my snow-line. Not but what I  
think we may exaggerate their feelings  
& intentions - I don't care a fig about them.  
One thing I must stick to, & that is,  
the climate of the Dajiling ramp. If  
the outer range of S. Nelson, receiving an  
Oceanic current, over the Sounderlands,  
unchecked & influence by any intermediate  
range, is not to differ in range of temperature  
and humidity, from the N. W. <sup>mountains</sup>  
which receives a similar wind  
~~from~~ from a distance of 700 miles, over  
an intermediate range of great breadth,  
(or an average 15000 ft high) & <sup>over</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~  
strictly plain - if I say these facts  
are not to make a wide difference between  
the climate of Dajiling & Belmont -  
then there is an end of physical climatology.  
I think your long residence at  
Whitmanston, which should present  
intermediate features, leads you exactly  
to <sup>half</sup> the total amount of difference.  
This now you say is exceptional, but surely



August 12 month

Madden's letter of last ~~year~~ <sup>year</sup> ~~complaint~~  
ye threatened loss of all the orders  
for want of rain & if I remember  
right the plains beyond ~~Patna~~  
Patna Delhi agree & were dried  
up till very late in the season. Depend  
upon your my & our name from  
Rajmahal to Candia is "it diavolo"  
My finding the mines <sup>temperate</sup> range of Silliman  
in all respects tallying with the  
outer ranges of H. N. W. is another  
curious fact.

As to the absence of Leptocarpus, Grimmia  
& Campylopus. I am indeed a misapprehension  
boy, but it is all the worse for  
myself - as to Leptocarpus. They together  
as Arctocarpus form 1/7<sup>th</sup> of the flowering  
plants of the whole world! & a fine  
grate proportion <sup>in</sup> of local flowers, &  
numerously greater still in alpine  
& high temperate regions - I have  
not 20 sh of Leptocarpus! nor 50 of  
grapes! what ever say of their  
absence ~~at~~ in the arctic range being  
caused by the fresh vegetation. It  
is true to the north, & I have additional  
than other ranges in my Tunglo & other



Campbell is wrong in supposing  
I get in a passion. or show the least  
signs of anger. I have not since I  
was Chougstam in May. been out  
of temper - I take all with  
perfect self possession, I say freely  
what I think, of this & that,  
piece of insolence, & that it is  
repeated to Campbell for him to  
settle. - Even in this last case  
of flogging the coolie in my service,  
expressing pleasure in my own &  
his faults, never called forth an  
angry expression or look, I heard  
him passionately all each had to  
say, which was little enough,  
& said "I consider it no greater an  
"insult as could be offered me, &  
"report it to Campbell as such."  
alas! my conscience whispering  
that all was mere tattle. - Even  
should I take it in hand, 50  
stories will be trumped up, &  
the original evidence I have extorted  
separately from the people before



There was time for combination  
& cunning, will be ~~prepared to~~  
~~my opponent~~ ~~patroned~~ & which  
these laws will be ready to say &  
swear to.

Enough I will have now you  
now live more, my say is said  
that if required to state my  
opinion of C<sup>t</sup>. proceedings it  
must be in terms of the strongest  
disapprobation. I am not  
moved or angry with him. Sorrow  
will in strong language, for that  
alone can revive his torpid energies.

I am your better pupil in  
self respect & censure - though  
perhaps some in practice <sup>those qualities</sup>  
<sup>bravado & bluster are</sup> here.  
where ~~it is~~ my only weapons, for I  
have no <sup>ammunition</sup> stores at my disposal to fall  
back upon - no ally there though it  
be headquarters.

Ever your affectionate  
J. S. Hooker.

On second thoughts I send  
Turner to Campbell & ask  
him to forward it you, telling  
him I retain your copy.  
I have been hard on the poor  
Devil, & in difficulties, after  
all it is more poor Devil  
than any. Wives she. He has  
not firmness & that is his  
fault, he is the enemy of kindness  
& friendship. I do believe & he  
most amiable of men, but even  
these glorious qualities may be  
washed. - Campbell has the  
glorious, brilliant, shining spot, which  
I who know the Scotch so well cannot  
overpraise in him. The frankness  
with which he speaks of the poverty  
of his family & the meanness of his  
origin - that one mark is a Scotchman.



It is Ceth above all is beyond  
praise - it makes a man of him  
whatever be his foibles.

I took the liberty of  
chasing the pueres between you  
Campbell & Miller - I think  
you would rather have this  
as a matter of taste & had I  
sent Mr. C. to divide the  
quandary one (which I think vide)  
would have of course been

your lot. The C. have no  
taste & will duly advise in  
most people too will say you  
came of here again 2<sup>d</sup> best in  
my estimation!

Thanks many for sending  
down to Italy. You found  
a descendant of Ferdinand I suppose  
the "old camp leader" by birth  
The Florentine (del Crucca) could  
not come under R40 & food