

Chooytan May 24th 1849.

B. & K. K. K.

Dr. K.

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in Siberia on these bare grassy
& stony hills.

I have another splendid
Rhododendron different
from what I told you of
besides a new species altogether
collected under a big oak
on the lower verge of the Pine

every open trinity of turning me back.
with the food I would not care, without
it I am miserably anxious, for how can

Chooytan May 24th 1869.

My dear Hooper

I write you very
dutifully & have nothing particu-
lar to add. not having
strayed far from this place
which still affords me a rich
harvest. It is quite like
Jefferson's description of Whootan
& totally different from any thing
I have seen before. I characterize
vegetation: quite exceptional
in Siberia on these bare grassy
& stony hills.

I have another splendid
Rhododendron different
from what I told you of
besides a new species altogether
collected yesterday at 9000 ft.
on the lower verge of the Pine

every opportunity of turning me back.
With food I would not care, without
it I am miserably anxious, for how can

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forest. when I procured
good 20 new plants & a
couple of hares.

The Nagas in their letter,
ordering me back, has put
me to great straits for the
people will not now give
a grain of food & I had a
knife brought to the tent-
stow & my gun loaded to
shoot it, if not given at a
fair price, when the coolies
with Russell were in sight.

A man has since brought
a male Gortura & an Iukley
Ghorasant, but both quite
rotten.

I was very glad indeed to
be spared the necessity of
taking the knife by force.

& thus of giving offence, with
whatsoever good cause. though
Nagas quite approved of what
I was prepared to do & that
the people who were nagging
between 10 & 12 Rupees (the former
of which I offered) what I brought
the gun into for.

We start I hope tomorrow
for the Lachong Pass, & if the
weather holds as good as hitherto
it will be well, but we have
had such an unusual spell
of bright sun & blue sky that
I have faint hopes of the future.

The unexpected increase of
new plants at a low elevation
as this & the numbers I see,
who now, but not yet in flower
make me most anxious to
have my license to collect.

every opportunity of turning me back.
with food I would not care, without
it I am miserably anxious, for how can

even during the rains - but
it will be I know: but -
the harvest will be great
& it is work that no one
but myself can do - My
best collections do not pick
up half the number of species
I find myself. & I am certain
that a fair knowledge of the
history of 10-14000 ft can only
be obtained by a practised
Botanist.

I am studying hard with
book & pencil. I one day
walked yesterday over the
three in the Tent. Thanks to
you & Campbell I am well
housed & comfortable & if
the brute of the Rajah will
only let me alone & the food
come from Dargiling I shall
do well enough, either here

or at Jangri, whither I
think of migrating when I
return from Lachang & Lachen.
Campbell I know dread the
travelling thither, but only
much yields to many good
plants that I shall be well
content to take the fine
days & camp the best & after
all it is no further from this
L-jangri than from this L-
Dargiling & not so much of
the valleys.

A letter from Maama is all
I have yet received from home
My father is well & Eliza is
fine - Miss Blus low blooming
& charming them with - Annie.
Percy Albert has written engra-
tulating Estelle on her approaching
marriage to my cousin Eliza Slighly.
A sharp encouragement of high
every opportunity of turning me back.
With fond I would not care, without
it I am miserably anxious, for how can

art from high places I suppose.
Don Francisco is all but despairing
of ^{his} ~~their~~ family & guests.
shirup. Richard's eldest
daughter. (It is you know sure
after the Frank's party) is
dying, she was a most charming
little girl & a great pet of mine.

Thurillie announces the
arrival of a box from England
with instruments, the ~~Barometer~~
unless ^{one} ~~thermometer~~ ~~smashed~~
& another changed. I think I
shall go changed myself.
(not far to go perhaps).

I am longing to hear from you
& whether the Shikari have
sent any thing worth having.
The sculpin shooter is always
out & industrious, but alas
shoots no grub, which is the

only fault I have to find
with him.

Any letter sent from Calcutta
please send to Muller &
give the carrier a ~~Shukla~~
of a Rupee or two - I have
lopped money with Thurillie,
who pays the carriers.

Best regards to Taylor &
Cuthbert & all friends
from your affectionate

J. W. Hooker

Please send still another
load of Nepal Paper. I ask
Phuggun to get me ~~some~~
bottles of Brandy, some
wax candles & Table rice.

every opportunity of writing
with food I would not care, without
it I am miserably anxious, for how can

Private May 31st

P. S. I fear Campbell may think me
unreasonable about food for the people -
all I can say is here we are again without
a particle, & I need not say I am a second
time extremely anxious - What he can
be thinking about I cannot conceive -
he knows I started with 33 men to feed
x that of 10 others who ought not to have been
on my stores, & came on in 4 days (2 horses &
5 canisters of tinned) my camp is since
increased by horses & 3 men. All the
Chaparrins & volins he send after me
~~cannot~~ are sent: composed in food & some
on my stores, & the last that came ate
just $\frac{1}{5}$ of the rations they carried.

We have been now 30 days out. &
13. Mammals is all I have secured! That
is, 16 days food for the original 33, - putting
every canister on one side. as also the
~~the~~ skins & canisters. Perhaps this people &
the absolutely starving cowboys & Chaparrins
who come after me. Every thing in this
curved valley is Chin, Chin, Chin. The
people never leave it but for Chin & hate
the very sound of me, booting out - for
every 100 men twenty of turning me back.
With food I would not care, without
it I am miserably anxious, for how can

1 ex-hub. ^{one} the people & hold together? I
have been 5 days here waiting till
yesterday for tolerably weather to go to
the Paper, & yesterday with ^{the weather} only one
day's food - how could I go further ahead?

It is only ~~4~~ 5 days ago my people were
for 5 days absolutely on half allowance
(of which C. knew nothing etc.)
Had I not sent 10 back, & thus reduced
my gang to 20, we should ~~also~~ have been
then 3 days ^{back} again without food. as it is, we
are now wholly without. & in this bad
weather & the uncertainty of when more
will come I assure you I cannot say
how uncomfortable I feel.

Campbell has been so good & kind
that it would only pain him to know
how anxious his apparent negligence
makes me, so pray do you say nothing
about it except he speaks first; & if
he does & expresses concern at my solicitude
just ask him to count up how many
cooks he started with, what food
they had, & what he has sent since?
what food the people he sends takes
with them? & above all what are
the probable accidents & situations on
the road, which I have not taken into

account. The whole party he sent
kindly saw must ^{the second day} on starting, 44 in
all, of whom 10 (Leban & Cooks) were ^{supplied}
I have 10 days food - 11 Lebes 5, & 7 ^{days} of others
3 ^{there}, the rest came at once on the stores.
We were to have picked up 5 men
(7 days food) at Namutiti - we found only
4, & C. suspecting how the case might
be, very promptly sent 5 immediately
in return to Dugling - 5 more, ordered
to go by the Prater, were sent on the 12th
- since then not a particle has arrived.
- since then not a ^{worked} particle.

Supposing I had carried out my
original purpose, copying the Paper I
could since & this day have done so

Even with my much reduced party of
which reduction C. as I said was ignorant.
The 7 days food with which I left Thompson
would hardly take me to the Pap & back
& not to that of Lashway & back at all.

Again I beg you will not tell Campbell
how I have written to you about this -
you will probably see my letter to
him & I fear he may think me exacting,
& after the great kindness he has shown
me this would be ungrateful: were
it a personal matter of my own comfort
I would not allude even to it, but you

known, food for the people is the
pulse of my expectation. I am utterly
helpless myself. I early informed
C. I could not get a particle on the ground.
I begged & implored him, the last thing
to drink the cookies & the rapins which
should follow to be found & found. I did
not think it necessary to indicate the
times & quantity of food to be sent for
as he knew my party to a month, & he
over & over again assured me, ^{that food} ~~should~~
should be the last thing I wanted.

I cannot tell you how grateful I feel
to Campbell & others in to starve me back
which, if no food comes soon, must be
the case. I ~~can~~ could not feel less warmly
attached to him. — There is not a York to
be seen even here & except I resort to
plunder my people must starve, my back
with myself to suffering — there is no
food even to plunder between this &
Chromton & some for 2 months after
that. — It is so we boring in any sense
I have too much already but am very
very anxious & cannot keep running
on. — I have had to send the Indian back
to Chromton with 3 people as a precautionary
measure as they cannot stay in New Orleans
like the Indians. — There is nothing to do.