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rock. May 15.

Dear H. I am sorry I am sorry I am sorry

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allow well as
him not to talk
will be in ball
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as far off as ever. That this Luchong
ruin as I scraped flowers from the
N.W. face of Black rock & even
further South than I anticipated.
(Spills of coral from above are
only, there is no accounting for any
turns in the valleys may take.) I
shall be absolutely 16 miles South
of Chum Shan & 24 South of Poshung
I have just also received an
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Dear H. I am sternly stayed here a day
& take up my pen to write you, as
nearly I find a great volume is doing
so both by you & Campbell, though I
have so little but juggle & scribble to
communicate. To C. I have as usual
detailed all difficulties & further on as
camp are my errands & local geography
& from his pen with learn that
that important place Thicket is
as far off as ever. That this Larkong
ruin as I crept down from the
N.W. face of Black rock & even
further South than I anticipated.
(I judge of course from other remains
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or over a low part of the range into
^{South} ~~over~~ a ^{contrant} angle, & there over
parts of ^{the} Southern ^{Sub} Himal - does not
constitute the latter a part of the
same plateau - but makes a
smaller & ^{perhaps} smaller one, having no
necessary relation in level to the greater.
The Snow-line again, my next problem,
whether higher on the N. or S. side,
cannot be settled by erasing a
meridional range. It will I feel
sure be much higher on the E.
slope, as on the meridional slopes
from Wallachon by anyone & by
because the S.E. is the melting slant
warm wind, & because the sun always
is clouded before noon.

I shall wait most anxiously for
your opinion & pamphlets about
still erasing the Gap - it is clear I
can if I will. Simla is still
staunch I feel sure, & the Lad's will
be found fast enough without gates
I have not to be conceded the
Nizam's right to prevent me & am
thus bound by no promise. I am
not a "Kaid" (a prisoner I mean) - I believe

is what I say to the authorities.
You will I know say that "Kooler will
follow my advice for better or for
worse" but pray do not let that deter
you from giving it - Say "ji" & I will if
you think it worth the chance of
risking its being made a political
question, which is my obstacle - I
am writing to Mr. Rajah, every thing
to the G.G., who alas cares not a straw
whether the Ganga is higher or lower than
Dinto or the Caspian. As for glory ~~the~~
my struggles for that expired with the
Antarct. Exped., the furtherance of Science
I now feel to be my sole aim, to its
furtherance I am devoted & my own
hard work on the frontier, will only
make me the more glad that others may
find better. My ambition is confined to
my standing as a Naturalist & traveller -
I fancy I have done enough to ensure
me my Father's ^{pecuniary} position if I
keep within the Govt. reach & under
their observation, so that you know I am
provided for in the long run, & want
to make no dashes at distant fortunes.
Whitewash or elsewhere.

A sketch of the mountain - the effect of the plateau is shown on a map of the Himalayas
at the bottom of the page. The sketch shows a mountain range with a plateau on the north side and a steep slope on the south side. The text on the page discusses the relationship between the plateau and the mountain range, and the effect of the plateau on the mountain's appearance.

I have heard of a people race
inhabiting the upper most Himachal
valley, ~~the~~ ^{S.E.} of Kinnaur which branch
off from the Teesta. At first I treated
the account as of fabulous or at least
originating in stories of the ^{nomadic} robbers of
Tibet; there being a reputed Pass
thitherward, through the said valley.
To day however I have talked with
a respectable & sensible man, ^{a Dinkhan} who
has seen & communicated with
them. Their name is "Arram-mo"
their locality "Mundpo" - They point
out the upper sources of the Rungnion,
a river draining the N. of Pundin
& South of Waugh's D. 2. & D. 3. & flowing
^{after} ~~with~~ an easterly course of 10 miles or so
into the Teesta; as the position of
Mundpo. ~~that~~ I may mention that
I took down "Harrum" as the name
of another large affluent from the
W. of the Teesta which drains
between Nursing & Pundin. It is
also called Phung-vong: so that the
people may properly inhabit the
contiguous head of both valleys.

This language no one can understand.
They owe no allegiance to the Rajah & very
rarely show themselves to the villages
at the head of these valleys. (Barfote on
the Harrum; Tubong & Bala on the
Rungnion). The villagers consider them
mad, because they cannot communicate
with them, but they are indifferent.
In stature & color they resemble the
Lepcha but have more beard & do
not plant the ^{beard} hair. Their food is all
vegetable matter ^{including} snakes & insects of
all kinds, which the Lepcha will
not touch. They clothe in materials
of jungle manufacture & use the bow
& arrow - I asked a great many
more questions but got no further
information. except that they do
though rarely cultivate the ground.
I wonder if they may be a fragment
of Chehems?
May 16th. A most splendid morning
I find to my delight again we are still
South of Waugh's Black col & wh.
we have been making very long
marches. 4 miles since in the march
we can make of grasses & wool!.

views this morning to the back
of Kink's beyond my living
ground. I have seen nothing like
it either around the ground the
nets are beyond imagination. Some
of the men exaggerated supposes as
Rodgers, Staly & Campbell alone
appear with these forms then are
at his light shades - Waugh
Dz, D, 3, Prudie, Murring, Kulu
& Kink are about up here
so that you have to lift your head
to see them. Kink looks
wretchedly small as usual, from
its distance.

Best regards to Taylor & compliments
to all friends.

Ever for affectionately
obeyed

J. S. Hooker

I have twice forgotten I am very + very
to attend to the Phys. Geograph. book
& to congratulate you on the good prospects.
Do not pay the money to me - you
will have a great deal in your
pocket going home & with them delays
the money will not be called for till
you reach England - It is very kind of
you so to think of my wants & had
the money been much earlier required
I would have had my father stop it
out of my allowance & received it
from you. But as it is you must
not pay it till called for. I will
over £20 towards the work as soon
as providence gives me a situation.
& that will be in Rome where I shall
be well able to afford it - & before
it is required.

I am here in a cool climate 5000th
& enjoying it much after the tourment
on the Teuta valley. I cannot describe
how oppressive it was & utterly prostrating
to mind & body. I slept whenever I sat
down to rest - I have had no appetite
since leaving Beritina & am some have
lost pounds in weight. Still I am well

of hearty, & happily never felt the
smallest alarm about the fence. At the
end of some marches I could hardly drag
one leg after the other.

The Shikharu man shot a bird they
do not know, it looks like a "Trogon"
to me they know heaps of little things
but I have not seen the horn-bills since
leaving the Jitling etc.

Just fancy the Sikhar after having been
expressly ordered to take 10 days food,
for silver & coolies coming to me on
the 9th & I had no choice but to give
it - I sent 3 & 6 coolies back & what
the rest from Choongtan I think.

What went back had no victuals
but I gave them money. I hope Mr
Byng will understand my measure.
I could not afford a grain, having only
5 days Ruppitt altogether, & not a chance
for a chance of getting more. - We
eat a Maund a day very neatly!
& I must spend some time about
the Saw & collect every thing wild
rain or no rain. - Thank God my

housing for all hands is excellent, our
unpredictable comfort & I have not
had a single complaint from one of
the Lad. - Hopman is the 2^d - st food
in Asia, major & minor - I provoke me
beyond all bounds. He knows nothing
whatever of what I have got or want
& also totally brought away no single
thing that I did not expressly order.
Karl Whangsen not provisioned me
I do not think I would have a morsel
of any thing by this time, & not one
single thing that I told ^{Hopman} him to buy
was he got either for himself or for me.
Whangsen seems to have been very
thoughtful, for I find these things
though H. protests they do not exist:
whether of coolies, load, food, clothes
presents tents boxes instruments or
utensils. He is profoundly ignorant -
though now 15 days "gone of" the means
of knowing - I have overhauled
myself to day & find things tided into
the baskets provisionally - candles
smashed. Sugar in thin paper bags
alongside blank utensils - shoe & chain

Arrested together. I cannot tell what
utter & ruinous confusion. - battles
are cooked and to this he has sprained
his wrist very badly & is worse than
useful as interpreter. Still the
Devil is civil patient willing
& honest, very thankful for being
how & very penitent. He is rump
"how Devil. fit to punch snuff
Christ's work & nothing more.

My camp is far too large. I
have only 12 coulies for myself - 1
bed, 1 clothes, & food & cooking. The
his tentments paper & books. -

The number & variety of insects I
attached to is legion. - Mosquitoes, sand-
flies, fleas, gnats, flies, Ticks, Fleas are
amongst them nothing worse. yet -
My coulies are remarkably clean