

Chooinglam May 19th

My dear friend.

I have this moment
received yours of the 11th. & as
usual pursued it with great
satisfaction to myself, & with
with much pleasure with containing
news news of ^{you} self & friends. - What
you say of your ^{part} ~~part~~ remains
me of my respect is not telling you
in my first letter about Mrs Lydian;
~~which~~ ^{it} is ~~part~~ ^{part} ~~announced~~ ^{part} ~~for~~ ^{part} ~~but~~ ^{part} ~~ambiguities~~
Gambusia is doing the honors, & that,
to have made you smile must have
been marked, - for in such affairs you
are the soul of good feeling. Putting
breeding, another shield, out of the
question. Certes Mrs C. does not
quite like Mrs L. & there is no more
to be said about the matter - but
both consider Mrs C. as one of the
most amiable & desirable of her sex
but ~~when~~ ^{where} she is born and still she

comes under the ban, - wise head
has said "wolves are the Devil"; the
commoner sort say "killed cattle" &
say also to the Native saying "the best
said the poorest - intended" for though
we may understand them by their
actions we never can follow them
without being wiser ourselves.

So much for my jungle philosophy.
Many thanks for your kind attention
to my wants & people - Humphreys knows
every thing about my wants & that
he can supply himself with whatever
assistance he requires, he has two
Mekhis & will have another ^{if he wants.} Lepcha,
he is a drunken Dog & has played me a
slippery trick, but as I like Lepchas
& the complexion of their faults too,
I will say no more about them.

I am glad you like my picture of
which I am sure the best judge, &
quite believe it is a good & like as
you say the Lepchas I meant

I fancy the words matter do in a fancy subject

liked - the scenery was not finished.
Taylor craved & craved to be allowed to
make a sketch for me. I did wish
very much to say, give me the sketch
written of Hallsen, to send home &
be kept at home for me; but I know
quite well that a subject not after
his own fancy, is sure to be spoiled,
& I did not know how, after the map
he made of ~~the~~ Pery's the children he
had to do the prettiest & nicest children
in the station (after doing it Sunday) he
would take & effect my request.
Now he is really anxious to do me a
drawing, but what with the above -
his telling me that he would not
allow me to give away his copies, &
his pointing out to me several that
he will neither copy himself or
allow others to copy, - I was placed in
so awkward a dilemma that I hauled
out altogether.

The price of such a print as you say,
should depend wholly on the number

of subscribers. If I remember right -
that of a New Zealand view of about
that size was 12/6. - Fraser's Journal.
Published I suppose 30 years ago has
I think 10 plates & letter press for £20
but things are far cheaper now. Talbot's
"Abyssinia", which views like "Fetter"
£10 - I should say 10/6 at the very
outside. is enough, T.M. Richardson's 10
views of the Swiss lakes & Lombardy,
are the most exquisite specimens of
the "colored lithography" I ever saw (he
is a magnificent artist), sell for £5,
& Taylor cannot come near there
were he at home to superintend.
There will be three classes of purchasers
for Kangshan - 1. Amateurs & others
interested in the place. 2. picture
collectors & 3. sundries who want
to cover walls. The first class will
give a good price. The second class
for too good a choice. in engraving
from the best masters at 1/6 to £10.
& the last would only buy a
colored lithography, at the rate.

The price should therefore depend
on the number of subscribers & Taylor's
opinion of his own merits accented
therein. which either way be in a
pecuniary light. I know not, but
how Harrison did me an incomparably
better view than any of Taylor's for
£5. & my father had the prints
of Richardson's Port folio for £10 &
was a universally admired full
water color drawing of Como with
the morning mist rising. I have
seen first rate Stanfords & copies,
Fieldings fetch £40. & £50. - Still
of pictures of the size of Taylor's 6 views,
large ones fetch either untold sums
more or much less, generally the
latter. ~~worth~~ of all, Taylor must
I suppose raise the wind ^{first} & do this
he has not the adventitious aid of
portraits & the hundred other claims
on the purse & pride of members which
the Sibthorpes had. now can he sell
the stone (for 6³) as he hopes to do the
copper plate of the guns.

And now I must again turn
to the subject of Theobald. I need
hardly say that with these
treacherous & disloyal people my
attempts: that grants were
taken for granted, nor that, as you
suspected the objects were: the
religion of this country. Craftily
& dishonestly I never would
have cloaked my intentions, &
between implicit obedience to &
throughout contempt of the Rajahs
were there was no choice. That
the latter was my view of his
interference was known to be the
case, as both Messrs & the Ladies
have shown. & to continue in
the determination of pursuing my
object: the fear of this & of the
religious fears of the people would
be here on the top of any further
advantages to be gained by continuing
my Explorations of Sikkim. I am
with the John Knapp now a

Missionary Ram to break my head
against their people's stone idols, & to
do so would be to give the lie to
the sacred harmlessness of my
pursuits. I have therefore told my
quidnunc that I shall not ~~put~~ ^{put} my
stick across the frontier, but fully
investigate all on this side. Messrs
has been thoroughly honest & candid
throughout, & the Munkas, beheld
of trying well, even in the reputation
of my outwitting their prejudices &
their interests. It is a bitter disap-
pointment; the more so as it
falls heavily upon you my kind
jealous & liberal friend, & upon my
equally good Campbell. - You have
both done all that is your lay, & if
fault there be it must rest with
me. The Rajah & Munkas have ~~been~~
taken the initiative, & though I may
not have acted for the best I am
quite sure the result would be
the great loss under any different line
of conduct. The miserably futile

attempt to laugh down fears was
as far as I saw or see, the only course
open to an Englishman, and I don't
so effectually the result would have
been prejudicial to my views in
Sikhism, not to talk of Congress
I have before alluded to.

I have written fully & completely
on the subject & my journal will
give the same.

What you say of my being better
by Lyell & Darwin is good but true
they are my seniors, over of 20 &
30 years experience, over all Europe
& N. America & one of them round the
world. Darwin is one of the most
amiable & pleasing men I ever met,
a gentleman by birth & education, happy
one of fortune, & in all other respects.
Having travelled over the same
countries (as a man, I as a boy)
I naturally accept his interpretations
of my many difficulties.
Lyell again is the son of one of my

Father's oldest friends. a man of
great classical attainments taste &
good fortune. & one of the most
high spirited & liberal men I ever
knew. Charles is not half so pleasing
a man as his Father, though of more
general attainments. I can just
remember the title his Principles
made its translation & retro-translation
into all ^{even Hungarian!} languages & its placing
the author some 15 years ago at
one ~~of~~ ^{over} the heads gate geologists,
a position he has since retained;
which his theories even those that
found least favor at first, are
daily gaining ground at home &
abroad. I must affirm that I
find them true & better than any
others, & now that I think more
for myself than ever, I become
proportionally impressed with the
fundamental truths he lays
down. Geologists may still
quarrel & always will about the

The relative age of some of the strata,
of the composition & origin of them
& I must confess I do not see
any. But I am sure the views
expressed are indisputable & I am
inclined to carry them out much
further than he has, from an
examination of the Himalayas.
I do wish very much you could
see this country: it would change
some some some of your opinions, &
of these regions we can form no proper
original conception except by
inspection. This is I think I think
less uniformity in the Himal. than
you grant. This valley differs
widely from that of the Ganges
or Swatun chow. resembling
Griffiths account of Peshawar much
further South. The more fact
of Sikkim having no Pines
between 2 & 10,000 ft; which is a
fact every day more clear in a

physical feature too strong to be
overlooked. All this I will seek
for a balance, my journal will tell
you of them. I am sure of the contents
of pebbles agglutinated to the rocks
high above the river.

Thanks for your kind care about
my men & plants, let them
go on drying & packing the roots

I send with soap - baskets.

Also kindly send another load
(25) of Nepal Paper - & ask Whiffen
to get me some Potatoes, Onions,
& Rice. - Two bottles of brown

Sherry I will buy from your store

Have you thought of advertising
your name? These repairs will
be very expensive & if the house
stands empty a season all will
be thrown away.

Best regards to Taylor &
Compliments to Mrs Lydell

Ever your affectionate & grateful
son
May 25th J. D. Hooker

J. S. Campbell is again
anxious about N. H. Cal-
culation but if you can, I
will send H. G. G. &
would be pleased by had
the question involved any
scientific interest - but you
know my opinion of H. G. G.
& that he would not like
my interference on any
scientific subject. I have
made a point in all my
correspondence of making direct
allusions to Campbell

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Good-bye

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Harker
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