Pilot who will in and be a welcome stran=ger - for I think we have been to sea long enough for our passage - 5 months exactly the day after tomorrow - We spent a very dull Christ=mas day - all of my dinner by being out, had nothing to plead on absent friends with but a glass of Cider and Sour Claret - Our hearts "the warmer with you, and if I may speak for my Ship mates by my own feelings - Many an ardent wishes for a merry and happy Christ=mas to all our friends - I have been very much amused to day looking at the Chinese fishing boats - with them the Sea Swarms alive - they are odd things - whole families I understand do live, raised, live and die, in these boats their only home and means of support - and as happy as the most of their Country=men of their Race - Tomorrow Pilot will bring us to an anchorage - and the next day I hope will show us the great eastern metropolis Canton -