Canton March 14th 1838

My dear Father

Since writing you on the 8th inst. per the Valparaiso, I received your letter to examine my Policy of Ins. to see that I had the privilege of the W. States — I have advices from the U. States accompanied with an order for Silks and a strong recommendation to fill it — which I have done, with the hope of a handsome profit — I accomplish it by taking up funds, the amt. of about $5000 from an English house Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co for which I only pay, whatever the Exchange may cost me to remit to England for them and 1/2 per cent. only to their agents Messrs Howland and Aspinwall N. York to whom the goods will go consigned — I place as a marginal note on half of my Invoice of Teas ~~as a Margin~~ amt. of which I shall return back with the Silks being in the same Invoice, to prevent difficulty that our Offices at home are why there is any connection with our other notices ting apt to make in case of accident — any thing they can lay hold of — The house Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co are the first houses in India and should any accident befall me, the house will direct their agents Messrs Howland & Aspinwall to draw on their Office in London and pay

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