Canton December 30th 1837

My dear Father

I arrived safely here two days ago and on my way up the river met Ship London for New York, by her I only had time to drop you a line, informing you of my arrival. I have just learned the Ship Omega for the U.S. leaves ale tomorrow, I shall therefore give you what little news I have learned. Merchants here let all other are a curious set. You cannot get any information out of them, whatever, and they care make something out of you. I am here [illegible] good with in defendants of them. As I have mostly dealt in tuxon with Mr McCue in Lo a[illegible] mannor, as to secure to me, the full confidence of his agent and him, and all advantages in the investment of my funds, that the Ship can have. Having at the same time my concerns perfectly secure so that any mistake that might possibly occur either to the Consignee or Owner at home cannot effect me. I have too made several [illegible] English acquaintances already, that may be of service to me. And upon the whole think I shall not be at a loss for funds in these strange parts. Things here are quite different from what was anticipated in the U.S. and in fact by every one from the state of affairs at home, and in England. Bills of Exchange you then was thought would not do at all out here quite the contrary. U.S. Bk bills and bills on the Barings are better than they have been