

Friend Sir

Macao, June 20, 1807.

My last letter was dated just before our embarking for Macao. We have a beautiful passage from Canton here down a branch of the river, not the same that vessels from sea go up to Canton by; we are lodged in large commodious junks, two persons in each, well stored, as you may suppose, with provision of all sorts; & cooking utensils; & in which you live as comfortably as in a house; the time of the passage is various, from 30 hours to 3 or four days. We were a moderate time; my companion was

Mr G. Staunton.

Since I have been here I have been plunged over head & ears in the Mathematics. An unlucky train of thoughts (concerning equations) has come across my mind, & I have been led on from hour to hour, from day to day in a most incredible manner. — I am absorbed — I see nothing — I do nothing — I don't stir from my room; I don't put on my coat nor neck cloth for days together. if I lay aside my paper, I am at it in my head. I absolutely mistook last week four days for two.

Every body is surprised - they think me monstrously
industrious - but these are fetts, of which I have had
5 or 6 in my life; & from ~~most~~ which I would
at present gladly disengage myself. If I could.

To speak frankly I do myself a violence in
writing this letter; but I hear that I a ship
is going to Bombay (the Castleburgh) & I
cannot refuse to let my friends know that I am
well. That is all I can do - I cannot com-
mend myself sufficiently to enter into any detail.
It might seem affectation to any person that
did not know me, who never experienced
so entire an absorption; but I cannot help it.

July 1st. Still very busy. - Ship about to sail.
I have just received a long letter from my friend
Lamb. dated 5th December 1806. Of course he gives
me no information of my Dis. friends. If I had known as
much (of leaving England) as I know now, concerning ships
&c. I would have put you into a way of often writing.
Ships are always going either directly to these
seas, or to Bombay, Madras, Bengal, or Penang.
A letter should be address'd to a merchant residing
at the place where the ship is bound, & he
forwards it to Canton; opportunities for which occur
perpetually. All the Super-cargoes here receive letters
regularly in that manner. Then there is America, &
even American vessels coming directly from England to

China. but that is rare. — We have
received the Public news up to September. The
Death of Mr Fox was Melancholy news to my heart.
Without knowing him I loved him very much.
I long to hear from you. but do not expect
a letter before the regular fleet comes in. i. e.
about October. Yr Dutiful Son
T. M.

I open my letter again to say that I
find my letter from Lamb came in a ship direct from
England; that has brought every English man here lots
of letters from his friends & family, except ^{to} me — why
am I excepted? The sailing was announced in
the papers. I am much vexed & mortified.

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The Rev Mr Manning
Diss
Norfolk.

requested to be forwarded
by the first ship to England.

