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If you look into the Map N. a little S. from C. about 200 m. off you'll see a place called R. there I am looking for the m. of getting into B. I have made all possible enquiries & find that my best plan is to tra. as a cher. accordingly I have sent for the proper goods from C-a. & expect them out in a few days. If I had had the any idea that it was pop. I should stay in India's solong, I could have had my G. Letters sent to me from Ch. as it is I am doomed to hear nothing of you for a while. There are some consol. in attending this heavy privation you could not do for me & the less I receive ideas of home the happier I am. I feel this so strongly that I am compelled to write to my friends. They must not take it ill. I am in an Enticer-y. position & am the best judge of w^h will injure me w^h not. It is my duty to tell you where I am & what I am about. but the same considerations induce me to be short. I am quite well. I had a slight fever at C. for 2 days. the only consequence is that the greatest part of my long hair has since combed off. - my beard remains entire, viz very black. I wish I could bring it to England. G. J. charges me to do so, but very likely I shall think proper to thin it up on entering into China. I'm never submit to a hair cut in England - I have several E. residents at R. I had letters to the prin. & can treat with the greatest attention & kindness, but I have refused to live with them, thinking it better to keep up a certain appearance of not being in E. men. so I live in a G. house. I wish you could see me my China master is with me - patient & quiet. he has never been out of the house. the G. m. live about a mile from their houses. Mr. Brown the, whose father is an em. He came from Stafford may stand first in my list. then Mr. D. of the D. family - at the distance of 12 or 20 m. understanding & great range, a little wild but not crazy on the least. Mr. Campy something called Mr. Campy, an old fr. m. near 80 who recoll. the bat. of Mep. & he has done a good deal in the country - a gay old french full of life & fire what they call Gaillard. I pursue my studies chiefly upon Lang. & the Melaphy. of Lang. i.e. the history of the H. mind & have unrolled a great many very curious things. You must not be surprised if you find me shortly publishing an account of the Greek tongue. I know more upon that subject than the G. prep. & articles other subjects before I left England. I secretly am venient. than to any one. having no vanity of that sort. but rather a contrary feeling so that I am not ranked in England in the place that is my due. The study of the Chin. has become infinite service to me in these speculations & vice versa. This I fully expected before I touched it the argument is thus (clap). I over said this to Doby when I for the 1st time in my life opened to him my intention of cooperating along. & I mention it now for the 2^d time in my life not out of vanity, or to ruin myself in his opinion. but to show you that I am not wandering at random, without a real object. having sacrificed my preconception & having now the materials for a treatise on the E. L. I can speak on the subject. Perhaps tis a sort of pride. what I have in my mind is so much beyond what I could persuade people to expect that I won't mention it. I've after all this business of L. & Melaphy. is only my 2^o obj. & what is my 1^o Why I can't speak of that any more than I could speak of the other 10 years ago. I can't yet prove my pretensions. The example of a reform in the conduct of life is my object, & has been ever since I was 18 or sooner. & this I have been the only Country (worth inquiring about) where the real state of society is unchangeable, I'm much with it see one of those Coun. For as their Law. the no better a Law than the E. & I fancy on I now in my life thought it better) may elicit melaphy. truth so hard made of life the no better than 20 others, may elicit moral truth. I intend to ret. to E. & the biological. & for that reason will not prosecute my Ch. plans beyond a certain point of difficulty, & this I have already said. I'm sure to be in the hands of prov. & be an instrument. If I had add a mean & unwh. ins. using those words in their religious sense, I should speak from the testimony of my soul

for this is one of the ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~differs~~ ^{differs} from ~~many~~ ^{many} who are called & honored ~~for~~ ^{for} others.
They do not lay stress enough upon humility, for that I think is what distinguishes ~~wales~~ ^{wales} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ
from ~~wild~~ ^{wild} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~Derwin~~ ^{Derwin}. They think too highly of man & the powers of man & his capabilities.
I think he is capable of living often a much better life than he has yet pleased to put upon.
The same as I think the Huckle garden might be improved ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~could~~ ^{could} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~made~~ ^{made} a
paradise - See I call men a garden. I don't consider him create a disparity but on the
side a good thing - a garden that has & always will have weeds. I at one time felt myself
in my heart a devil sometimes call that. Now I lay my hand upon my head & call
myself a Dr. if I was to explain myself every word I say in the bible but others
again say the Q. to be done so that never nothing. Humilis or I cannot but consider
an exaggeration, proof of human frailty. But my spirit of humility makes me open
on every subject to both infer me in ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~weak~~ ^{weak}. Things are difficult to understand.
I want to note the C. virtues as follows. Humil. Courage with humility but
Courage should perhaps be called only general healthy state of mind necessary to the
uniform practice of the other parts of truth by which I mean the Contr. of lying teaching
to lying & such and that the great part - evils of the world. Some things that
other people call vices, I think to be only irregular & extravagant. Sometimes
even not illaudible. In the detail here you & I might differ a little perhaps, as we might
in the arrangement of the higher matters, but that my main system is yours, & if
again habits of life have not lost any popularity of walking either to me or to anyone
who knows you. In writing this my mind has gone thro a variety of ideas, I am
become a good deal agitated. If Propri. desires me to return to E. (I believe that)
I'll have no reserve. if I deceive myself - if tis to a more enlarged sphere I must
look for the meeting my dear friends a true consideration of futurity may be to make
that more easy than it often is. tis but a petty disappointment, that will have
its completion hereafter. If my eyes & throat now belie my words, I have
humily enough to say I want true courage. Rem. me to my friends I need not
name them. They are my Dr. & my love. I was very well since good spirits this
morning, I was laughing & talking with Mr. Campy yesterday but to say the truth now
my eyes are running over. I was always a workman for that -
Yours
Wm

PS The low ships have been sadly taken short lately. I'm afraid one
or more of my letters have miscarried.

20 Dec. 1810

Letter to my Father