



forces ~~power~~ & peculiar <sup>fitness;</sup> habit of mind; but on this subject I do most <sup>earnestly</sup> ~~cordially~~ desire to refer to those who know me, & particularly to D<sup>r</sup>. Davy, the present learned & worthy Master of Caius College, Cambridge. In that <sup>University & this</sup> College ~~University~~ I was educated. I there pursued my ~~the~~ mathematical studies to an unusual extent, & have given lectures in all the branches of that science. I have been long conversant with the theory of medicine, & for ~~the~~ last six months have been attending to its practise both in the <sup>Westminster</sup> hospital & otherwise. -

Immediately <sup>upon</sup> after the signing of the preliminaries of the late peace, I pleaded ~~to~~ my scientific pursuits to Lord Pelham, <sup>on that plea was granted a passport for travelling into France</sup> & ~~obtained~~ <sup>at Paris</sup>. ~~During~~ <sup>the</sup> three years I resided in that country I devoted a considerable portion of <sup>attainment of an elementary knowledge</sup> my time to the ~~acquisition of the elements~~ of the Chinese language. It was from my attendance at the national library at Paris, as student of that language, before the war ~~broke out~~ <sup>present</sup> & the notoriety of my pursuits as a man who <sup>had</sup> destined himself to voyages of discovery, that I obtained my passport from the ~~French~~ French Government in the autumn of 1804: <sup>which passport</sup> ~~which passport~~ I claimed on those grounds or on no other; & it was on the same grounds that after <sup>having been</sup> ~~made~~ prisoner of war I was still suffered to remain in Paris & pursue my studies. It was my intention to have proceeded from England first to Russia, & thence to have endeavoured to ~~find~~ <sup>make</sup> my way into China by the north; but not having found in England any of the opportunities <sup>I had expected</sup> of improving myself in <sup>the</sup> Chinese language ~~which I had expected~~, & being persuaded that to ~~attempt~~ attempt to travel in China otherwise than as a fugitive, without a competent practical

~~knowledge~~  
~~usage~~ of the language, would be idle, I have given  
 up that plan, & am now anxiously desirous of first  
 residing such time at Canton, under the protection of the <sup>Company</sup> ~~the~~  
 as may be necessary for acquiring the requisite  
 information, & ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> case no opportunity should ~~offer~~ <sup>offer</sup>  
 during my stay at Canton, for my obtaining per-  
 mission to enter the country from thence, I propose  
 upon leaving Canton to proceed to such part of  
 the <sup>Chinese</sup> frontiers ~~as~~ as I shall then judge most eligible  
 for my purpose. -

My request therefore is to be permitted to proceed  
 to Canton, & ~~thence~~ <sup>there</sup> to reside for the purpose of studying  
 the language & customs of China. A compliance  
 with this request would confer on me an obligation  
 which I should ever have an anxious desire of  
 manifesting my sense of, ~~not only~~ <sup>with</sup> by my words &  
~~but~~ by my actions. -

Such, Sir, is the outline of my object & wishes.  
 I shall be very happy to furnish you with any further  
 details you may think necessary, if you will  
 have the goodness to favor me with your commands

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your most obedient  
 &c.