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They were all as gentle as lambs — lambs or Mandarins
Why you would not let a Chinaman for the world
Lying & cheating was the order of the day with them.
We certainly did not shine in this business
in the article of any thing sailor. The
Dour Englishman sailor of Canton — I have
seen him at Canton. & but 2 days before
this unfortunate affair I recognized the character
among the crew of some other ship & was so
highly affected by various flights of his
heavy & generous nature. I had heard their
[illegible] represented as shameful [illegible] by the Merchants
[illegible] as nothing but brigands.
I had entertained prejudices against their
& was delighted to have occasion to change my
opinion. Immediately I recanted this charge as a sort of prej-
udice against the unfair representations I had
believed to. but the Neptune men (with honorable
exceptions no doubt) [illegible] a [illegible] crew
[illegible] to the name of English sailors
his [illegible] will reproach me & be ready
for calling them pappamussins.

A. 2d & the Chief Mate succeeded this 1st

with ~~the same~~ no better success. At the end of the 3d the Wrexham chair as a representative of the Welsh man agreed to chair. who had confessed that he had been out of the fortune that day & that he had in his hand a tobacco pipe. We understand that he is chosen because by means of the tobacco pipe they can bring it in a perfect blow stopped to be in wonder of a stone not seeing that a chimney stood by them. a sorry ~~pipe~~ pipe & an unlucky back handed blow! I am not exaggerating upon my honor. The Green chimney sweepers gin their reason. Every boy knows that there was no kind of legitimate reason to choose the chair — but they must find one!!! If we a man had been found up to them at first as the

probable perpetrator of the deed, he would
have been tried for murder & shipped
if the 52 had been given to them
& carried, one or other of the lies they
would have squeezed out would have
~~[illegible]~~ taken a halter & some as probable
fellows ~~[illegible]~~ been ~~many of the others would~~
~~probably have been severely punished~~
besides the refusal lies would probably
have ~~[illegible]~~ served to bring down severe punishment when
upon searched they ~~[illegible]~~ the ~~forbearance~~
~~[illegible]~~ of the slaves & the unprecedented forbearance
~~& courtesy~~ of the Commodore has at
length ~~[illegible]~~ forced the M.t to call the
~~[illegible]~~ affair by a fearful name & the unfounded
with the shocking punishment & they
seem to have had no idee that we
could have stood out so firm at the hazard
of the loss of the passage & 5 chances of the
possible loss of the trade. — The
convicted two is detained here under the
custody of Mr Roberts till the pleasure of his chief

shall have his order concerning them. he will certainly not be delivered into their hands at least without ample security for his being clemently treated. in the meantime they are completing the lading. the other ships are ready & Captain Hay received their lading as soon as the 52 men were brought up to Canton & the crewing the Mala's boats at present

[illegible] Chinese [illegible] & American [illegible] the [illegible] Chinese [illegible]

During the examination of the men the Court informed him (falsely) that the Captain had given positive evidence against him — Mr Potter & Mr Pottinger interfered & stating the matter, informed the court that they would not [illegible] trial

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[illegible]

On the 24 of February, [illegible] an affray
[illegible] between the Chinese [illegible] to
the amount of some hundred on one part and [illegible] seamen of
the Nep. (C. B.) on the other. From [illegible] being given
offence to certain Chinese, they were besieged
in their factory by a press of people who pelted
the [illegible] with stones, which they showered in with
redoubled violence when on the gate were opened
to let any one in or out. After a long forbearance
& many wounds received, seeing no end to this intolerable
nuisance, [illegible] they all sprang on the Quay
(1) in fury & they were chased away like hornets
& interrupted [illegible] (2) I was standing on a [illegible] & thought of deserting [illegible]
[illegible] Especially [illegible] as the plague was declared by the [illegible]
Chinese. One seized with a [illegible] fell
[illegible] you
[illegible] & hurdled them) jack after them &
[illegible] could overtake. Scores
of them plunged into the river & scrambled up to
the boats & avoid [illegible] fury. They were vide
[illegible] Great [illegible]
[illegible] especially [illegible] & [illegible] ask the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with them.
[illegible] with several [illegible] & others [illegible] great [illegible]
The [illegible] was clear [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]
was left on the ground. She pretended to be [illegible] [illegible]
a few dollars [illegible] on her legs. She has complained
no more. Next day the business was forgot
as it were. But on the 27th there were

rumors of a man dying dead. Rangada the
Secretary for the Nephew was applied
to but treated as idle talk. [illegible] that the man the
had left with the grey man alive well & not so much hurt but
expects for any new complaint to be reasonably made.
at towards he comes to Robert
with a doleful countenance full of dis
may conveying that a man is dead in the
city. Not the Mand[ar]in's leave investigate the affair:
& determine that this his death is in con
sequence of a blow received from a servant
of the Nephew on the 24th & that the
matter has gone too far to be made up.

Then came out the Edicts requiring
the murderer to be given up. But the
English had no clue whether towards discovery
the man nor even towards discovery whether
the blow was given by an English man
why not by a stone from a [illegible] why not
the man had a [illegible] why not
by his Doctor, [illegible] why not by some
other European present. why not by one of the early Americans who
[illegible] no [illegible] no [illegible]. except
that a little boy (about [illegible]) says he saw a man in
European clothes strike the deceased.

The English refuse to speak more properly, explain the impossibility of complying with the demand of Lord Stephens. Levy stopt. Conference between the mutineers the Committee & Rollers. Lady of all the ships stopt. Examination of sailors. Conference. They say the charge upon "give up the man". We ask "Who is the man". We invite them to find out the man by entering at the ships or in the factory at Canton. But refuse to give the man into the hands from ctrue motives & a question which cannot be made for bringing men to meet the enemy to what they are conscious of — ~~that would be~~ by ~~the~~ forbearance on ing & make him ~~upon~~ depose to what he is ignorant of & confess what he is unconscious of. That such is in fashion can be shown with admit the use of ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Chinese as well as we ~~[illegible]~~ Then Lord their Countrymen admit it, that the man who really ~~[illegible]~~ the blow is in all human probability unaware that his hand rather that say ~~[illegible]~~ should have been ~~[illegible]~~ in ~~[illegible]~~ of death. ~~[illegible]~~ 18 days after ~~the~~ first offer, the mutineers ~~[illegible]~~

an edict is issued the 52 men are
brought up with 20 Marines from the
Legion. A space in the bottom of our
the English footers up is fitted up by the Chinese as a
court of justice — very commodiously & deco-
rously. I never I must say ~~that I do the Chinese~~
to that in no country are the forms of justice
better regarded & kept up than here. A day
is appointed — we assemble — wait — no man
denies come — another day the same — at
last they get over the difficulties — the
court is opened in a very stately manner — solemn
& ~~scarcely~~ lofty words by a Mandarin — a long-headed
cap of hoar[illegible] — a long avenue of attendants
then a lord & an awful clasp of gongs.
But what is the examination that succeeds?
in one word, nonsense. each man is asked
to say that he is guilty or to accuse some of
his companions. each man refuses & denies
having had any hand in the riot — & then these
rascals speak (~~who the men are~~ ~~sailors among the 52~~

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To Where
~~To whom~~ can the oppressed stranger fly for protection & redress but to the feet of the throne of Her Sacred Majesty whose heart is the fountain of benevolence & compassion, whose voice is the regulator of justice & equity. In this our appeal we will not stop to make any Criminations simply to state our case — Your Mandarins have may be misled may not have represented facts may not understand the relations of your & our empire & the consequences further it from us to cause the of international injustice but their actions to us are the same as those of injustice. They demand a physical impossibility ~~namely the~~ they insist upon our discovering ~~that~~ a guilty act that we have tried in vain to discover ~~what~~ nay they now ~~what~~ they will not undertake to discover, of whom ~~there are~~ ~~[illegible]~~ have any evidence whatever that he is an Englishman. ~~[illegible]~~ to have sought out our person nor can we seek among the Chinese — hence we the power of conversing freely & in perfectly in this Country. No not even if your Mandarins would assist us — but Your Mandarins have no fair communication with us — they absolutely refuse to listen to us. If the chinese on the ground of sympathy, sensed our feeling, while we were ~~not~~ when the expelled slaves at the door for have together can do no help it — we wonder that your mandarins should suffer such ~~cruelty~~. we kept on Jas be carefully in for fear of conflicts — for how can a sailor stand around & ~~[illegible]~~ the sees his companions struck down & stabbed he was dead not, how can he be otherwise than excited We kept them in the ~~feeling~~ till the necessary effects called for the ~~[illegible]~~ — why was not the mob beat away in all shutting? Our sailors ~~were~~ obliged to ~~move the way they came~~ — many men ever struck with ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ foreigners. Seen with

stones from the shore or some such. Chicks from the English sailors when the fray was called the was no complaint made to the English, no one supposed that any serious accident had happened. Thus she was hurt & when she was at least she walked away. The next day no complaint but three days afterwards we are told that a man is dead she was struck that day. Shd it must have been one of our sailors that we must discover him — if a man was hurt by an englishman why did he not complain that day if he found himself ill the next day why not complain why not say why not describe the hurt him. Why did not the Mandarins inform us that a man was wounded. if as they say he died why was not his body brought to us that our sailors & our officers might see it & might judge whether ~~any of the~~ Englishman. This man had been struck by any Englishman & by whom. for as our sailors might have our hands stick & sticks & differently in different grounds another another & a sight of the wound might have helped detected the offender. Instead of proceeding it is agreed in all civilized countries on such occasions rationally towards proving that an independent office we are ~~into~~ simply informed that a man is dead of a wound — we are told with out any evidence that it must have been an englishman & we are order to find him. Where does not see that the Chinese officers bring beyond the sea & trouble. They will throw the blame & abuse upon us who they ignorant of the language of the country & but partially acquainted with its Customs, & besides kept in great & odious restraint, are unable to compel the Mandarins to come fairly & have an reason.

~~[illegible]~~

If We had a ~~[illegible]~~ Murderer ~~[illegible]~~ any one seized should we
would glad to give him up to just punishment — It is equally to
our laws & custom — We would think the Mandamus to
find such offender it is highly important to the security of
our ships that all offenders be punished.

Gentlemen &c

Compelled therefore either to send this state out or allegiance leave
the country. unwillingly to do that because you that your
Majesty is not more able than willing to decide justly. To abandon
what appears to your Majesty (if it could be disregarded) a
a Credit which we hope your Majesty & reverence
& consider the character of Country & Prince we are well assured has
ordered to Provincialism who would make any honorable concession rather
than forfeit the good will of our Government

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