

Gentlemen

I have to request yr permission to proceed to England by the Honble Co's Ship the P of A. As the Honble court of Directors allowed me ~~see and~~ ~~add \$100~~ for my passage to this country in 1806, their known liberality in continuing their assistance to any one, whom they have deemed worthy of favor & support, so long as he remains under their immediate protection, (which is the case with me at present) emboldens me to solicit a similar indulgence now, on my return; & also ~~the sum of \$100~~ <sup>to allow me</sup> for the passage of a very intelligent Chinese, whom I have engaged to accompany me.

In such of my studies as involve objects the Honble Company takes an interest in promoting, I have ever made the advancement of their objects & wishes one of the considerations ~~to~~ that guided my pursuits. — this, as it is a pleasure to me, so also do I esteem it a duty; and however trifling (even eventually) may be the intrinsic worth of my services or contributions, yet I hope they will at least prove to demonstrate the due sense I ever entertain of the Protection, assistance kindness & attention I have <sup>now</sup> so many years experienced, both from the Honble Co. as a body & from those Gentlemen in <sup>its</sup> service, with whom it has been my good fortune to become acquainted during my residence abroad.

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I have the honor to be  
with the highest respect & esteem  
Gentlemen  
Yr most obedient servant

To Committee for leave to  
Return or