

The Chairman & Deputy Chairman of,
To The Honble the Court of Directors,
of the East India Company.

The Honble the Court of Directors of the East India Company having in the year 1806, on the recommendations of the Right Honble, Sir Joseph Banks, permitted me to proceed to China, in furtherance of various objects, among others, that of studying the Chinese language and history, I have accordingly been from that time, till now residing abroad, under the sanction and patronage of the Company, and been assiduously employed in providing materials for an analysis of that language, and a comparison of it with other tongues, ancient and modern.

For the purpose of completing this object, I have brought with me to England a Literary Chinese, whom I have engaged for three years, the assistance of a person of his qualifications being absolutely necessary

necessary in the progress of
the work in hand.

Having met with a
Native of the province of
Honam who speaks the language
with the greatest purity, who
was willing to accompany me
to England as a servant, I entered
into an agreement with him
also, and have brought him
to England with me, partly
with the view of deriving some
assistance from him, but
principally under the expectation
that his accurate pronunciation
might be useful to such of the
Students at the Company's
College, as are studying the
Chinese language preparatory
to their departure for the
Factory at Canton.

The expence of these
engagements, and of maintaining
the Chinese for that time,
will amount to about £1000.

As the object of my
exertions has been the advance-
ment of science, to which I
have sacrificed so large a
portion of my time and money,
and as the further payment
of this additional sum will
press heavily upon my means,

Inaturally turn my eyes to
the Hon^{ble} Company, not only
as to persons to whom the
services of my Chinese Assistants
may be useful, but as to
general Patrons of Science
and Literature, praying their
aid towards the completion
of this design; it being one,
whose object, I trust, is not
unworthy of their Patronage
and Assistance. -

