

Sir.

I have laid before the Board of Directors of the East India Company, your Letter, representing, that during the period of your residence in China, you have been employed in providing materials for an Analysis of the Language of that Country, and a Comparison of it, with other tongues, ancient and modern; that, for the purpose of completing this object, you have brought with you to England a literary Chinese, under an engagement for three years; and that you had also brought with you a Native of the Province of Honan principally with the expectation that he might be useful at the College, to such of the Students as were studying the Chinese Language; and representing also, that the expense attending your Engagements with these Persons will amount to One thousand Pounds; and requesting some assistance from the Company to enable you to meet that expenditure; and to complete your designs; and I have received the Court's Commands to acquaint you, that you went originally to China, with their permission, on your own application, and for your own views, under a stipulation, that the Company should

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should not incur any expense upon your  
account; and that with regard to the persons  
who have accompanied you to England;  
they were equally brought for your own  
object.

The Court cannot therefore undertake  
to defray any charges which you may have  
incurred upon that account; nor have they  
occasion for the services of either of those persons  
at the College, the Company's servants destined  
for China not being educated at the College.

I am,  
Sir,

Your most Obedient  
Humble Servant

Edw  
A. J. J. J.

East India House  
the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1818.