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Under the liberty of trouble you with a paper containing
extracts from Colonel [illegible] letters to the Secretary of State
respecting you & beg leave to produce them in my vindication
if it should be alledged against me after I am gone
that I have any cool notice or unfair design
to treat & depreciate the abilities of [illegible] I hope a candid
Sir I was not competent I always wished to keep those
two offices carry on [illegible] with them observing
measures [illegible] firmly believing that they could [illegible]
accomplish [illegible] language, I was afraid of being compelled to speak
the feelings I would have asked nothing more than that
they should be as above I have given them as broad
hints as possible almost to undermine but their weak
complexity admits of no check, & from some things
that M.S. dropt when I last saw him I was inclined
to think that he suspects me of being encouraged [illegible]
disdainful & that the various explanations [illegible]
[illegible] I am persuaded [illegible] were
occasioned & not founded in a general knowledge of
the Chinese Law. I am happy to be taught by any
body & always glad to communicate what information I
possess & any body that asks for it I have no
secrets in these things but I hate [illegible] certain kind of [illegible]
& especially when the disclosure invited [illegible]
connected by any new light, connects by [illegible]

similarity of human [illegible]