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Dear Sir,

I have received your esteemed favor of the 22d ult. from which I learn that you have had the honor to receive the Imperial pleasure to knoen to Peking to hold audience with His Imperial Majesty. This is to me both a source of pleasure and regret, of pleasure that you Sir are to enter upon the office of Foreign Minister, in which capacity your influence will not be restricted to Canton but extend throughout the empire; of regret, Sir, that we who have been upon terms of friendship for several years, and whose great harmony have hitherto been but little disturbed, are now alas! to be so far a part. Our separation is unavoidable, but I hope soon to welcome you here again.

I have very great pleasure in learning from your note that A. E., the Acting High Commissioner, Sir, is a man of great ability and experience in affairs both civil and military, that he is a just man who cherishes a liberal upright mind, a person for whom you have hitherto entertained respect, which is certainly in
accordance with my wishes, it is not only fortunate
for the Chinese, but will also tend to their friend-
ship with foreigners.

Since to assume the Emperor of the good
will and friendship of the United States toward
China is their desire that this understanding
may be perpetual, so that the Chinese foreigners
may enjoy uninterrupted tranquility, which
will redound not merely to the happiness of both
countries, but the mutual honor of both So-

It will afford me great pleasure Sir, when
separated as wide as the North from the South,
to correspond with you, to communicate such
intelligence regarding foreign nations as may be
interesting to your nation I know.

It was my desire to have had the pleasure
of your dining with me, but have been de-
terred from extending the invitation, apprehending
it might be inconvenient in the multiplicity of
your present cares.

May I may solicit when you Sir, everything
temporal of China in my devotion desire.

With renewed assurances of my high esteem

Yours very truly,

Evelyn Barker

Canton 8th March 1848.
P.S.

Mr. Foster sends a sheet of note paper and requests your autograph, which will afford me pleasure. I cheek as we recall the high esteem in which you are held, and pray you will not be confident of your pencil, which will be most fortunate.

I embrace this opportunity of mentioning that I hear the new English Commissioners with his family may arrive at Hong Kong about the last of this month. He was formerly Governor of Singapore. I am personally acquainted with him, and know him to be a man of estimable character, and am much beloved and respected by the merchants of this country.