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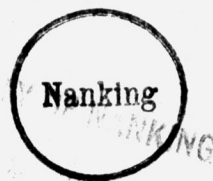
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TRANSFER

May 29, 1914

My dear Ralph:—

Both of your outlines are good. They are in accord with the best theory and practice in our work. I notice that you have failed to include any wood turning lathe in your equipment and am wondering how you will do the turning. In both of the outlines the processes are fundamental but I believe a serious criticism may be made about the models. To my way of thinking "interest" is a necessary factor in getting the best results. I am doubtful whether this factor will be present in a series of models which breathe the spirit of America. It seems to me that the life of China should be the determining factor in selecting the various models. The Chinese probably have many small objects of real value

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which could be used for your problems. If I had time to read up on the home and industrial life of the Chinese I would suggest problems but your man over there would probably be able to arrange that easily.

The equipment seems quite meagre to me but it is a good beginning and will doubtless grow as funds become available.

I would substitute a Stanley Jack Plane for the smooth plane in the individual equipment and place one or two smooth planes in the general equipment. The Jack Plane is a better plane for general work. I think you should have at least $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. screw drivers. The T-level is used so seldom that one would be enough. Be sure to get a Carborundum grind stone instead of the old fashioned sand stone. It will save much time. If you do the gluing up required by the course you will need $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. 3 ft. bar clamps and $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen 4 ft. bar clamps. I think you ought to have an additional set of chisels in the general equipment all sizes $\frac{1}{8}$ " to 1".

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You furnish no equipment for the mechanical drawing. As a starter I would suggest a dozen ~~Brody~~ Brodley drawing kits large enough to take a 9" x 12" sheet. They are very reasonable in price. I suggest these because of the price and believe you must economize.

You will need $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. wooden mallets and 2 rubber mallets. Some wood files and a steel file to sharpen the scrapers. Also a burnisher to turn the edge on the scraper. You can cut down on the individual spoke shaves and have about $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. in the general equipment. In fact we don't have any individual equipment in chisels any more. We have about two sets in our general equipment leaving out one of the $\frac{1}{8}$ " and 1" chisels replacing them with a $\frac{3}{8}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " as they are more often used. A $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen sloof knives are enough. We run 20 benches to a room. Each bench has a vise, bench hook, ^{also 6" try sq.} back saw, marking gage, brush, and a 12" steel rule. We have 2 - 36" steel rules in our general equipment. I believe you will need 1 framing square and 1 - 12" try square.

As I said before you list no turning equipment and I am at a loss to know whether this was an oversight

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JOLIET, ILLINOIS

or whether you already have it. The Sheldon lathe is inexpensive and good for the money. For this you will need gouges, skew chisels, parting tools, round nose tools, face plates, inside and outside calipers. You will also need some #1½ and #0 sandpaper in all of your work not to forget stain, wax, shellac and varnish.

I hope the few things I have been able to mention will help. As you surmised I am very busy just now and am also preparing my work for the summer. We will be at Kenmore all summer from about June 20th.

We were much disappointed when we learned that we would not see you but we will make up for it in an extended visit some future time.

Very sincerely yours,
Franquemont.

If I can be of any service I am yours to command. Will be eased up in another 10 days.

F.

Joliet, Illinois
May 29, 1914

TRANSFER

Banking

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:

Both of your outlines are good. They are in accord with the best theory and practice in our work. I notice that you have failed to include any wood turning lathes in your ~~xxx~~ equipment and am wondering how you will do the turning. In both of the outlines the processes are fundamental but I believe a serious criticism may be made about the models. To my way of thinking "interest" is a necessary factor in getting the best results. I am doubtful whether this factor will be present in a series of models which breathe the spirit of America. It seems to me that the life of China should be the determining factor in selecting the various models. The Chinese probably have many small objects of real value which could be used for your problems. If I had time to read up on the home and industrial life of the Chinese I would suggest problems but your man over there would probably be able to arrange that easily.

The equipment seems quite meager to me but it is a good beginning and will doubtless grow as funds become available.

I would substitute a Stanley Jack Plane for the smooth plane in the individual equipment and place one or two smooth planes in the general equipment. The Jack Plane is a better plane for general work. I think you should have at least a half dozen screw drivers. The T-bevel is used so seldom that one would be enough. Be sure to get a carborundum grind stone instead of the old fashioned sand stone. It will save much time. If you do the gluing up required by the course you will need a half dozen three-foot bar clamps and a half dozen four-foot bar clamps. I think you ought to have an additional set of chisels in the general equipment all sizes $1/8"$ to $1\frac{1}{2}"$.

You furnish no equipment for the mechanical drawing. As a starter, I would suggest a dozen Bradley drawing kits large enough to take a 9×12 " sheet. They are very reasonable in price. I suggest these because of the price and believe you must economize.

You will need a half dozen wooden mallets and 2 rubber mallets. Some wood files and a steel file to sharpen the scrapers. Also a burnisher to turn the edge on the scraper. You can cut down on the individual spoke shaves and have about a half dozen in the general equipment. In fact, we don't have any individual equipment in chisels any more. We have about two sets in our general equipment leaving out one of the $1/8"$ and $1"$ chisels replacing them with a $3/8"$ and $\frac{1}{2}"$ as they are more often used. A half dozen Sloyd knives are enough. We run 20 benches to a room. Each bench has a vise, bench book, back saw, marking gage, brush, and a $12"$ steel rule, also $6"$ try sq. We have 2 - $36"$ steel rules in our general equipment. I believe you will need 1 framing square and 1 - $12"$ try square.

As I said before, your list no turning equipment and I am at a loss to know whether this was an oversight or whether you already have it. The Sheldon lathe is inexpensive and good for the money. For this you will need gauges, skew chisels, parting tools, round nose tools, face plates, inside and outside calipers. You will also need some # $1\frac{1}{2}$ and # 0 sandpaper in all of your work not to forget stain, wax, shellac, and varnish.

Sincerely yours,
E. A. Franquemont.

WOOD TURNING.

The following outline in wood-turning is based upon the theory that any object which may be turned in wood can be produced by a student when he understands the reason for handling a tool in a particular way for each cut. The outline is arranged, therefore, with reference to a logical series of cuts underlying all wood-turning.

Group	Processes	Suggestive Models
I- The use of the guage and skew in turning cylinders	: Centering stock. : Use of guage to turn stock to cylindrical form : (a) To take off corners : (b) To turn cylinder to given dimensions. : Use of skew to turn perfect cylinder. : Use of outside calipers.	: Exercise piece : Any model requiring plane cylinder turning only
II. Squaring ends and cutting shoulders	: Laying off consecutive length dimensions. Use of toe of skew to cut a shoulder.	: Exercise piece involving square ends. Body of rolling pin. : Mallet head : Square shoulder : Spindles
III. Long taper cuts.	: Use of skew chisel to start taper with heel and to continue taper with centre of cutting edge of skew	: Exercise piece : Stakes : Stool legs : Taper handles
IV. "V" cuts	: Use of toe of skew to cut half and full V's	: Any spandle involving straight cuts only
V- Bead or short convex cuts	: Use of heel of skew to turn convex forms	: Chisel and mallet : handles involving straight cuts and convex heads.

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WOOD TURNING (Cont'd.)

Group	Processes	Suggestive Models
VI - Concave cuts	: Use of small gouge to : turn concave forms : :	: Any spindle form : not involving long : convex cut with : gouge.
VII- Long convex cuts	: Use of gouge to turn : spindle forms involving : long convex curves :	: Any spindle form : Indian clubs : Dumb Bell : Darners
VIII-Inside and outside screw face plate	: Fastening stock to face : plate. Use of gouge : and skew chisel in : blocking out form. Use : of round nose and skew : chisel on face plate : work.	: Rosettes : Any low dish form : which may be turned : without use of : chuck. Simple : patterns. :
IX - Face Plate and chuck work	: Use of chucks and their : construction. Inside : and outside chucks and : their relation to work : which they are to hold.	: Complex patterns : Cups and trays : Goblets : Napkin rings : Towel rings.

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MECHANICAL DRAWING.

1. Should be able to make a dimensioned sketch from a simple model and make a working drawing to scale from this sketch;
2. Should know relative positions to top, front, and end views and the reason for the same.
3. Should understand ordinary conventions and be able to read at sight simple working drawings.

SUGGESTIONS FOR EQUIPMENT.Minimum Equipment.

(Individual.)

1 Bench and vise -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 8.75
1 Baily No. 4 smooth plane	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.60
1 2", two-fold rule	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.22
1 12", back saw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.10
1 No. 162 Stanley marking guage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.15
1 No. 20 Stanley try guage? (Square)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.20
1 Sloyd knife 2-1/2" blade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.18
1 1/4" firmer chisel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.30
1 1" firmer chisel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.40
1 spoke shave, Stanley No. 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.12
1 Maple bench hook	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.18
1 Bench brush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.25

Total --- 13.36

GENERAL EQUIPMENT.

1 Disston No. 7 Crosscut saw, 10 points, 24"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.25
1 Disston No. 7 rip saw, 8 points, 24"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.25
1 Bit brace 8" sweep -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00
1 Millers Falls hand drill, No. 2 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.30
1 keyhole saw -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.40
1 14" turning saw with frame -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.90
1 Screw driver, 4" blade -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.18
1 Screw Driver, 6" blade -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.20
2 6" wing dividers -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.30
2 6" T-bevels -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.40
2 Adz eye claw hammers 10 oz. -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00
6 3/4" gouges, outside ground	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00
1 set augur bits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.00
3 Scrapers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.25
3 Nail sets assorted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.20
4 10" hand screws	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.70
6 7" hand screws	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.50
1 mounted oil stove	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.75
1 Steel oiler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.10
1 Mounted Grindstone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.00

Total--- 26.68.

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OUTLINE OF ONE-YEAR COURSE IN WOODWORKING.

Group	Processes	Problem
I - Giving the first use of the saw and the laying out tools, such as the gage, try square and rule	: Measuring : Squaring : Gaging : Sawing : Boring : Making dowel	: Game Board : Counting Board : Laundry List
II - Emphasizing the first use of the plane	: Planing :(1) Surface :(2) edge :(3) to dimensions :(4) chamfering	: Swing Board : Hat-rack : Bread-cutting Board
III - Teaching the first use of the chisel	: Vertical chiseling : Gouging : Paring : Sharpening chisel	: Shelf and brush-rack - Tray : Sleeve-board
IV - Involving "from work" and first use of the spokeshave	: Bow-sawing : Modeling : Sand-papering	: coat hanger : Tool handle : Canoe paddle
V - The construction of objects by means of some form of the groove point	: Housing : Halving : Nailing : Carving : Finishing	: Waterwheel : Test tube rack : Boot rack : Flower pot stand : Loom : Sled : Box-trap : Bracket shelf : Knife-polishing board : Towel roller
VI - More exact work in planing in order to making a glue joint	: Planing joints : Gluing : Clamping	: Bread-moulding board : Drawing board : Bench-hook

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OUTLINE OF ONE-YEAR COURSE IN WOODWORKING (cont'd.-

Group	Processes	Problem
VII - Construction by means of the Mortise and tenon joint	: Laying out suplicate pieces, cutting a mortise, sawing tenon, finishing	: Stool : Plant stand : Taboret : Umbrella rack : Table
VIII. Constructions involving the Miter joint	: Planing parallel edges and sides : Use of Miter-box : Laying out brace	: Miter-box : Framing a picture : Box : Bracket
IX - Elementary cabinet making involving the use of panel	: Planing : Fitting : Putting on hinges	: Sewing cabinet : Music cabinet : Plate-rack : Screen : Bookcase

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June 3, 1914

Mr. E. A. Franquemont
Joliet, Illinois

My dear E. A. F.:

It certainly was very generous of you in the midst of your busy closing days to write so much at length with reference to the outline from Nanking. I will send a copy of your letter to Nanking to the man in charge and also place a copy in the hands of the President in order that they may have the benefit of the suggestions you have given.

If they come back at me with any remarks I will send them on to you.

We are glad that you are going to Kenmore and know that you will have a fine summer up there. I wish that we could join you but you have to be back in Joliet when my vacation has just begun. I do not start until August 15 and have until September 15. Those are my dates if everything goes well. It may be a week later.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

RED/W

P.S. The President of the University of Nanking is at present in Rogers Park, Chicago, Dr. A. J. Bowen. I have written him about you and he may want to come out for an hour or more conversation with you. I give you his name in case he may call you or write to you.

R.E.D.

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Freeman

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Water Supply,
Water Power,
Fire Protection,
Factory Construction.

File Subject

Date December 31, 1917.

In reply to yours of

John S. Williams, Vice President,
Nanking University,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Williams:-

You will be interested to know that matters seem slowly progressing toward the Grand Canal research, with its appendage of flood studies. I spent all of last Thursday in conference with the President and certain Vice Presidents of the American International Corporation, planning the campaign, and am now trying to find just the right man to send over as Field Chief Engineer, while I map out the course of the research, with the expectation of coming over myself and spending two months on the ground next Fall.

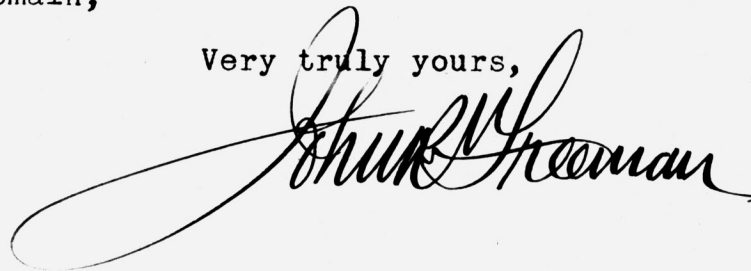
Both Siems and Carey were present at our conference in New York. I am sorry to learn from them that C. T. Wong is out of the Government just now. I shall be looking for some young Chinese Engineers to help out in this field work and perhaps we can find some of them at the Government School in Nanking.

I enclose a reprint of a recent talk on Russia by my good friend, George C. Whipple, Professor of Public Health Engineering at Harvard and Technology.

I saw both Swasey and Brachear three weeks ago and they were carrying their years as lightly as ever.

Wishing you were here now so that I could have the benefit of your wise counsel, I remain,

Very truly yours,



JRF.E.

Enclosure.

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PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Water Supply,

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File Subject

Date March 2nd, 1918.

In reply to yours of

J. H. Williams, Esq.,
c/o Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Williams:-

Your letter dated January 7th, of which copy was addressed to me care of the International Banking Corporation at Yokohama, is at hand and as you will note, I am still here in Providence.

Matters have gone slowly in organizing the proposed work. I have tried to strongly impress on the chief officers of the American International Corporation the fact that the dredging of the Canal and designing a modern lockage system are the least difficult of the problems to be investigated and do not require such thoughtful, sound talent as studying the silt-laden flood flow of certain rivers tributary to the Canal or studying particularly the tendencies of the Yellow River in relation to the Canal.

These flood control and silt control problems in China in my judgment present the most difficult and most important hydraulic engineering problems in the world and I am very solicitous that America's active entry upon their study should be started right.

This means good men. Just about every man that I have picked for a leading position is found to be already in some branch of our Army service. I am still looking for the man to go over as Chief Engineer and have more or less investigated perhaps twenty and now have two or three promising candidates under scrutiny by my principals in New York. We will also hope to send over four or five principal assistants or chiefs of party and organize four or five topographic and hydrographic parties, in the expectation of spending about \$200,000 on these investigations and a year's time.

My own hopes of going over this summer go glimmering, with the pressure of other matters, largely those pertaining to war work. For example, General Goethals wants me to start at once for France on some special problems and a few weeks ago, the Chief of Ordnance desired me to become chief of one of the bureaus; and much as I am anxious to help the good cause in China, Uncle Sam has the first call. Meanwhile, I am in Washington almost weekly and incidentally, am striving to rush to completion a large addition to the Providence Gas Company's plant, so I feel that I am safe as to the admonition of the old hymn, that:

"Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do."

I had some delightful visits with Dr. Edmunds last summer, and both he and Mrs. Edmunds spent some days at our home. I wish that you and Mrs. Williams might do likewise.

Also, I want to bring you into close contact with Charles A. Stone, President of the American International Corporation. I have told him that you were in closer touch with the views of young and progressive China, than almost anyone whom he could find.

I was glad to bring Mr. Swasey into contact with him, in an interview in which we discussed "Our Eastern Question" quite frankly.

Roger felt it his duty to take service in the Navy Department at half the salary that would have been paid him for the China job and at present is Czar in a little empire of about 1,800 workmen, who are rushing to completion a plant at Erie, Penn., for making forgings for the new destroyers and five inch guns for the Navy.

Hovey is married, has a Captain's commission, is stationed at the Proving Grounds at Aberdeen, thirty miles north of Baltimore.

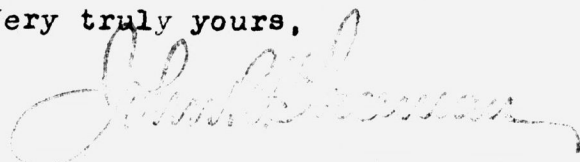
Jack is in the Bureau of Standards as a Physicist, working on new alloys for aeroplanes, but paid from the War Department and is working under a certificate which, much to his distress, will not permit him to enlist and take a commission and go to France.

Clarke is over in France, a First Lieutenant on General Pershing's staff.

Evert is still an undergraduate and below the age limit, but is in khaki and training. So you see that all the boys are in war work, (including the "old man.")

I want to have a lot of long talks with you relative to the work in China and it now looks as tho you might get to New York before the party will be ready to set forth.

Very truly yours,



JRF/E.

(This is a copy of a letter
which was sent to leave before
the letter was received)

JOHN R. FREEMAN,
CONSULTING ENGINEER,
Room 815, Grosvenor Building,
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Water Supply,
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File Subject

Date April 15th, 1918.

In reply to yours of

John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China,

212 South Euclid Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Williams:-

Yours dated February 22nd, with postscript from Pasadena, is just at hand. All sorts of things have come up to delay my China program. I suspect the American International is willing to go a little more slowly because of unsettled conditions in the Far East.

Also, their Chief Railroad Engineer, Mr. Kyle, whom I think you met last winter in Peking, was at last accounts still being held by bandits for ransom, having been taken at a town only about forty miles west from the main line of the Peking-Hanchow Railroad.

Another cause of delay has been the difficulty in organizing an engineering corps, made up of strictly high-grade experienced engineers, because here in this country nearly all of the first-class men are busy on one thing or another connected with the prosecution of the war and a great many of them have taken commissions.

I shall look forward to seeing you soon after your arrival in New York, and when you and Mrs. Williams come East, we will be delighted to have a visit from you here in Providence.

I have myself been in Washington several days during each week for about two months past, on sundry matters connected with the National Defense.

Very truly yours,



JRF/E.
Carbon to 156 5th Ave. N.Y.

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May 16, 1918.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Dr. Freeman:-

I had expected to see you in your own home at Providence before this, since I have been in New York now more than two weeks. I found however, upon coming here that our oldest daughter, now in Abbott Academy in Andover, was in poor health and I had to go up to Andover Mass. and bring her to New York for medical care, and had to look after her for a time while here. This greatly upset my calculations. I am glad to say that she is back in Andover quite recovered in spirits and health, and expects to complete the school year. I had hoped to get in my visit with you on this trip, but now I have to return to Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow to attend the meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly. I expect to be back in New York about the last of this month.

My friend Dr. Warren Coleman and I had arranged a pleasant dinner party at the Century Club for me to meet your Rhode Island senator, Peter Gerry and talk on China. It was a good opportunity as he is Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. This is a very critical time for American relations with China and it is exceedingly important that we should maintain our relations and friendship direct with China. China is going to come out of her present dilemma secure and strong, and the friendship for America, so well established, is in the future, I am sure, to grow into a source not only of great trade and profit but of international support and backing.

I am still anticipating, with keen pleasure, seeing you and talking over so many things. It would be a great pleasure to meet Mr. Stone of the International Banking Corporation.

Mr. Swasey just now is attending the Baptist Convention at Atlantic City. I have not been able to see him as yet. I shall write you later as to when I shall be back in New York.

Very cordially yours,

W/V

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AM. JULY 19, 1917

To Mr. Williams

May 18th, 1918.

Charles A. Stone, President,
American International Corporation,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stone:-

My friend, John F. Williams, Vice President of the University of Nanking, of whom I have spoken to you and Mr. Dearing, is just now in New York. I hope that before he goes back to China you may meet him and learn from him his hopeful views as to the outlook.

A letter just received announcing his arrival, says among other things:

"China is going to come out of her present troubles, secure and strong and the friendship of America, now so well established, is in the future going to grow into a source of international support and backing, as well as one of trade and profit."

Dr. Williams has lived in China for fifteen years and in Japan for two years, and enjoys the friendship and confidence of the present President of China and also of many of the progressive young Chinese who have had American and European education.

He was the guide, philosopher and friend of Mr. Swasey, Dr. Brashear and myself a year ago. We enjoyed the hospitality of his home and of his University and found both altogether delightful. Dr. Williams is a good business man as well as a successful educator, and has been besought by business interests to leave the University, but has remained loyal to what he believes his line of greatest usefulness. I am sure that you, Mr. Tinsley and Mr. Dearing would all enjoy meeting him. I understand that one of his friends is trying to arrange for him to give a talk at the Century on present conditions.

I am, myself, just back from Washington this morning. My movements for the next week or ten days are uncertain, but with a possibility that I shall have to go to Detroit the early part of next week.

If you could find time to have Dr. Williams call, I am sure he would be pleased to do so, notwithstanding my absence. His New York address is 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, care Trustees of University of Nanking.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/E.

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Water Supply,
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File Subject

Date May 18th, 1918.

In reply to yours of

John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:-

I am just back from Washington this morning and find yours of May 16th on my desk. I am sorry to learn of your daughter's illness. Andover was the old home town of Mrs. Freeman's parents, and her grandfather was one of the original trustees of the "fem. sem". My son Evert was a student at Phillips Academy for two years and we have various friends in town, so that we get up there once or twice every season, and if we go up before the term closes, we will look in on your daughter.

It would give us very great pleasure to have both you and Mrs. Williams visit us here in Providence.

I shall be glad to say a good word for your institution to our Rhode Island Senator, Mr. Gerry, and will try to arrange in the near future for a conference with Mr. Stone of the American International Corporation.

I am sure that Mr. Dearing, who is a sort of general diplomatic or foreign relations expert in the service of the American International Corporation, would be very glad to have a talk with you on up-to-date conditions. My impression is that Mr. Dearing, himself, spent two years in China and I think that he has told me he had some acquaintance with you.

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Matters have dragged along on the Canal investigation, pending various disturbances, but now that our friend Kyle has been released by the brigands and the contract with the Chinese Government covering the financing of the investigations, is signed, they have asked me to proceed with all diligence.

Just now, I am hung up over the delay and possible unwillingness of the U. S. Army Engineers to give a leave of absence to the engineer whom I have selected as the best fitted among the dozen or more that I have investigated, to serve as Chief. This is a Mr. Woermann, who has spent his life on the Mississippi River improvement and in various investigations for canal routes in the Mississippi territory.

I have been putting in a good deal of time in Washington, trying to help in the National Defense program, which has cut into my regular routine.

My movements for the next two weeks are indefinite at this moment, but probably I will have to go to Detroit and Cleveland, but shall swing thru New York surely in the course of ten days.

Very truly yours,



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Mr. Speer

September 10, 1918

My dear Dr. Speer:

Please allow me to advise you that
Mr. Mornay Williams, Lydecker Street, Englewood, N. J.,
has been elected by our Board to succeed Prof. Ernest
D. Burton as a member of the Board of Trustees of the
University of Nanking. You will, of course, notify
Mr. Williams of the meeting in New York City on September
19.

Very cordially yours,

J. H. Franklin
Foreign Secretary

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Sept. 24, 1918.

Dr. J.H. Franklin,
Ford Bldg.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Franklin:-

At the meeting of the trustees last Thursday I was not able to answer at once your inquiry as to the arrangement made for missionaries of non-participating missions in the Language School. I find in the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the University of Nanking, February 28, 1918 the following action:-

"Mr. Gia (Head Chinese Teacher) being present. Mr. Gia reported on plans for the development of the Wu- Dialect Section of the Language School. After discussions on motion it was agreed we approve of the training of teachers as we have been doing of the dialect district, but we do not feel it would be advisable to establish a school for the various Wu- Dialect at Nanking. On motion it was agreed that hereafter the fees for students in the Language School for participating missions be increased \$10. or \$150. in all per year to pay for the extra cost in heating and lighting, and that those who come from non-participating missions pay \$200." etc

Thus you will note that there is a 25% increase on the total charge. In connection with the new dormitory completed this September it will be necessary to have a matron, and that will increase the running expenses. It is desirable, however, that such a matron should be a regular missionary, as her position will be one of unique and very great influence upon the students in the first year of their residence in China. It was delightful to be in conference with you again over the work of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

W.-K.

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November 27, 1918.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
The Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. Freeman:-

I was delighted to find your card with such a faithful picture of yourself upon my return to New York yesterday. I am hoping I shall have the pleasure of seeing you when you are in New York again. Our plans were very indefinite, owing to the pressure of the War and the extreme difficulty of getting anything done for China in face of the War's demands upon life and funds.

We have settled at 38 St. Luke's Place, Montclair, for the winter and have placed our three girls- Faith, Mary and Dorothy in the High School, with young Richard attending the grades. They were doing nicely until about two weeks ago when they began to take the "flu". We had Mrs. Williams, Mary and Dorothy and Dickie all down at one time. Dorothy is up again, and Mrs. Williams and Mary are now improving.

A recent letter from President Bowen reported a pleasant visit from Mr. Ripley and two of his assistants at the University. Dr. Bowen wrote they were delighted to show him the University and particularly the fine meteorological outfit which you had presented. This outfit is now erected in the same compound with our residence, and I am enclosing a few snap shots that you may see how it looks. I am also sending a copy of President Bowen's report that you may see that the University on the China side has been making real progress even during the War. Our opportunity now should be greater than ever.

The political situation in China is far from satisfactory. The differences between the North and South continue still on the old lines. My friend, C. T. Wang, whom you met in Peking, is now in this country with Mrs. Wang, so is Quo Tai Chi, whom you may recall as private secretary to Li Yuan Hung when he was President. They are representing to our Government and our people the side of the constitutionals in China.

With the glorious ending of the War I anticipate you will be determining definitely your plans with regard to China, and I hope you will be going there again. I hope I may have the opportunity of seeing you before long and talking over the situation in China.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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December 27, 1918.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. Freeman:

I regret that I did not go directly to the International Co-operation and wait your convenience for a good visit to-day. I hesitated to suggest this lest I should be interfering with other special plans you had. I should have been very glad to do so if it were not interrupting your work.

I was delighted to hear the boys are all safe through the war. What a happy Christmas you have had. It has been a blessed season for our household.

The outlook in China is mixed enough but I hope that even China will be put upon some working basis at the Peace Table. It would now seem, in order to have a fair chance, that China ought to have an international executive commission of advisors or directors for a period until she can get her house in order. If they were let alone by all powers they could work it out, but that seems to be out of the question now.

I do want to have a good talk with you over conditions there. Mrs. Williams would unite with me in hearty greetings to yourself and Mrs. Freeman and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Very cordially yours,

W/R

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date..... December 28, 1918.

In reply to yours of

Dr. John Williams, Vice President,
University of Wanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Williams:

I was detained discussing sundry matters in connection with the Grand Canal and conditions in China as affecting our surveys until I had to run for my train. This will account for my not calling you again on the telephone. I will try and make sure of seeing you the next time I am in New York.

Our Chief Engineer in China is having trouble from the efforts of the powers that be to saddle upon his pay roll sundry supernumeraries and this we are fearful, if continued, will exhaust our appropriation before the surveys are complete.

Incidentally I learned that the bandits are pretty bad along the central portion of the Canal, and so I would value a conference with you and with Mr. Wang, if he is still in or near New York.

Mr. Kile, whom you will remember as the Chief Engineer of the Siems-Carey Railway surveys, was at our conference in New York yesterday and gave me some very interesting accounts of his fifty days in captivity.

Respectfully yours,

John R. Freeman

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January 2, 1919.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Dr. Freeman:

Yours of December 28th must have crossed one of mine going to you. You may have seen by the papers that our friend Mr. C. T. Wang was appointed one of the Peace envoys to Paris. Being such a dear friend, naturally I was greatly rejoiced over his appointment. As he was appointed by the Peking Government and is understood to be the representative of the Constitution-
alists, he will be in a position at the Peace Table stronger than any of their other representatives. His presence there will mean very much for the best understanding in China. He will be the only man of the group probably who is not under direct obligations to Japan.

I can imagine what interesting experiences Mr. Kile had with the bandits. There ought to come a settlement out of the Peace Conference that will put your plans in work in China on a very much more satisfactory basis.

I hope we may meet together in New York sometime.

Very cordially yours,

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date January 6, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. J. E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

How soon does our friend Mr. C. T. Wang sail for Paris? I would very much like to have a talk with him to obtain information which I am sure would be helpful about our work on the Grand Canal.

I am delighted beyond measure that he has been appointed one of the Peace envoys. I had been fearful that that the present ascendancy of the corrupt military element in Peking might prevent this. (I really ought not to use such undiplomatic language, being in the sense myself an employee of China).

I will hope to see you when in New York next week, and if at any time you and Mrs. Williams could arrange for a little visit to Providence, you would be doubly welcome, and I am sure our good Baptist friends of the University would extend an additional welcome.

President Faunce became so greatly interested in the potentialities of China, that he has told me that if it were not for his ties with Brown University, the impulse of going to China to put in the remaining years of his life on some such work as you are doing, would be irresistible.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRE/s

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Copy of Mr. Wang's speech sent to Mr. Freeman.

January 7, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. Freeman:

Mr. C. T. Wang and his wife sailed on the George Washington at 4 P.M. January 1st. I regret very much that you did not have an opportunity for conference with him, for he would be very frank and doubtless could help you much. I am delighted to know of your sense of feeling of satisfaction in his appointment as the Peace Envoy. He is certain to have no small influence in the councils for he is clear headed, has a fine record and has that fearlessness of spirit which brought Theodore Roosevelt in his younger days so quickly to the front.

I hope I may have the pleasure of seeing you on your next visit to New York and I would like very much if Mrs. Williams and I could visit you in Providence.

We have been very much under the weather at our home for the past two months. Five of the six members of the family have served time on the "flu". Our oldest daughter Faith is down just now. But we hope to be rid of it soon.

It would be a great pleasure to meet President Faunce and some of the people of the University.

We are in need of a man to head our mathematical work in the University. It occurs to me you may know of a man who could fill that position for us. It has seemed to me that if we could have a man of strong personality in that position, he could develop the mathematical side of the work and later, by the addition of a few other men, we could make a start in the training of engineers such as you will need in your work and as will be required in the large railway and industrial development of China.

Anticipating with pleasure seeing you next week,

Very sincerely yours,

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date

January 29, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

One of the programs for my visit to China contemplates sailing from Vancouver March 27th and would permit me to finish my work in China about June 15th. The question is about then coming home by way of Java, northern India and the Suez Canal and Egypt. I would arrive in Calcutta probably about July 10th, would perhaps stop on the way for a side trip up to Mandalay and also take a side trip to Darjeeling and cross India by railroad via Delhi to Bombay and thence sail for Suez.

I have been told that while it is unbearably hot for the unacclimated between April 15th and June 15th, that after June 15th the summer rains set in and tempers the heat until about September 15th.

If it is no worse than Panama, Cuba or southern Florida in midsummer, I have not the slightest hesitation, for I have found that by dressing in white, taking two or three shower baths in the course of the day and being careful about walking in the sun at a rapid pace, that I got on very comfortably.

Presumably the presence of the sea on both sides at Panama and at Cuba tempers the heat as compared with India.

I wish you would refresh your own memories and talk with some of your old friends who are familiar with the East India climate and advise me at your very earliest convenience, for I must come to a quick decision.

On common sense grounds, it seems to me a safe venture, because business presumably is carried on by Europeans in India throughout the year, and the fact that the Boston Back Bay is driven to the North Shore and Mt. Desert by the climate in midsummer, it does not prevent some of the rest of us from finding life enjoyable.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/S

(Dictated by J. R. Freeman,
who was obliged to leave before
notes were transcribed.)

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January 30, 1919.

Prof. D. J. Fleming,
Union Theological Seminary,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Fleming:

I am writing to inquire of you regarding climatic conditions in India. A friend of mine, Mr. Freeman, is going to China for survey work on the Grand Canal for the International Banking Corporation. He is contemplating a trip through India on his return by way of Java, North India, the Suez Canal and Egypt, and would expect to conclude his work in China about June 15th and then travel south and through India. As Mr. Freeman is a man of over sixty years of age, the question is whether he would be able to stand the climate through India at that time. He has had experience of Panama and Cuba and Southern Florida in midsummer and does not feel any hesitation in travelling in those climates. He has been informed that it is unbearably hot in India from April 15th to June 15th, and that after that the summer rains set in and temper the heat until about the 15th of September.

From your experience in India would you advise a man, say of 62 years of age, possibly travelling with his wife, to undertake such a trip as suggested above? I should appreciate very much your advice.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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January 30, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Room 815, Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

I was pleased to receive your letter of the 29th this morning and to be assured by inference that the "flu" which was threatening you the last evening I met you at the Engineering Club did not prove serious. I felt concerned to know how you had fared after your return home.

I must consult with others in regard to the India climate since I have had no experience there and should only be inclined on general considerations to avoid India in summertime. I am writing to Professor Fleming of Union Theological Seminary, who spent some years in India and is well informed on the whole country, for his opinion in regard to the climate. The other alternative you considered of going out in the Autumn for the work and travelling through India in Mid-Winter I should feel a great deal more confidence in advising, for I believe from a health point of view that plan would be altogether the best. It would give you the best season for working in China in your field work; it would give you the best time of year for travelling in India.

The point you raise about Panama and Cuba - anything right in the ocean or between the two oceans, with sea breezes, - would be a very important one. One can stand the climate of any part of the earth where there is a sea breeze, but when you get inland conditions are very different.

I do hope it is going to be possible for Mrs. Freeman to go with you. I am sure she will greatly enjoy the journey. I shall let you know the word I receive from Professor Fleming and shall seek opportunity to consult others who have been in India.

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Mr. John R. Freeman.

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I had in mind to talk over with you the possibility of an approach through Mr. Johnson to the Hall Estate on doing something in China. You may know the facts and conditions of the estate and whether there would be any hope of securing its backing for our enterprise at Nanking. These facts you could give me probably just as well in writing as in conference. I should appreciate any advice from you on that line.

It was delightful to meet Hovey the other evening and find him back from the war so well. What a happy time you will have in your family reunion after all the experiences the men have gone through.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Williams

Southern (i.e. peninsular) India is elevated; the northern triangle consists of low plains. Therefore north India is hotter than South India. South India's hottest time is Apr. 15 to June 15, but north India's hot season is about June 1st to Sept 1. If therefore your friend should attempt India, I would strongly advise his keeping away from north India during the months which his plan gives to India.

Whether or not he should take his wife with him and go to South India, depends upon ^{common sense} things ~~of~~. It is mainly not the tourist season; there

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will be precautions that must
be taken. I judge from what
you say of his experience, he
will value this and not take
foolish risks or attempt
a New York program in Madras.

Personally, I would not
hesitate to visit Southern
India at that time with my
wife. He can have a
delightful trip in Ceylon,
Madras, the "back water route"
along the west coast,
Bangalore, & even Calcutta
& Bombay will be quite
possible. I should advise
him to plan for India - with
the precautions he will
naturally take, I think he

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NEW YORK

can do it. I would very
much urge his getting into
touch at once with experienced
residents - such as missionaries
- and let his trip develop
as their advice & his own
experience suggests. He
will have no trouble in
putting in all the time he
is likely to have for India
even during those months.

With best wishes
to you
— Henry
L. Henry.
Feb, 1919.

February 3, 1919.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
Room 815, Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Dr. Freeman:

Professor Fleming of the Union Theological Seminary has written calling my attention to the fact that the southern part of the India Peninsula is elevated, and as it lies near the two seas is much modified in climate during the summer. The northern part of India is low-lying plains, consequently is much hotter during the summer. The hottest time in South India is between April 15th and June 15th, but North India's hot season is about June 1st to September 1st. Prof. Fleming would strongly advise your keeping away from North India during the months which your plan gives to India. Whether you should take Mrs. Freeman with you to South India would depend of course upon the precautions you would take in travelling. He says it is not the tourist season at either place during the summer. He says that for himself personally he would not hesitate to visit South India with his wife in summer; that one might have a delightful trip in Ceylon and Madras and the backwater route along the West Coast, Bangalore, and even Calcutta and Bombay would be possible.

Prof. Fleming thinks it would be advisable for you to plan for India with all precautions and take the advice of experienced residents, such as missionaries, and develop your trip with their advice.

I hope your plans are working on satisfactory lines.

Most cordially yours,

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date

February 6, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Many thanks for your letter from Professor Fleming. Advice from an old sea captain received since my writing you is to the same effect and I have practically decided not to venture into India before November.

He tells me that while the rains lessen the heat after June 15th, that this extra moisture brings the fever.

I have not yet worked up any details of the itinerary, but merely have provisionally decided to spend about a week seeing Java mainly from Batavia, and three or four weeks in India - having now in view Calcutta, Delhi and Bombay as the cities of interest, and with a desire to find out just which of the great Indian works of engineering and river control are of chief professional interest. In Egypt I shall stop off long enough to see the Assoan Dam and some of the other notable sights, then come up into northern Italy, find Brindisi, and take a look at the notable works of the Italian engineers for the regulation of the River Po.

Any information as to works of engineering interest in India which you happen to stumble across through contact with the missionaries in your building, will be greatly appreciated.

Relative to the Hall fund, I will be very glad to do all that I can to bring the worthiness of Nanking University to the attention of my friend Davis the Trustee. Davis was himself the son of a well-known Baptist Clergyman of Boston, and Hall was also the son and brother of a Clergyman. I knew Hall intimately for many years and he was a fine character, but drew his will in terms which I am told the lawyers think much too vague.

I shall probably be in New York on Saturday, breakfasting early at the Engineers Club, and will try to see you immediately afterward.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

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February 14, 1919

Mr. J. R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I regret exceedingly that my previous engagement to speak at Bloomfield on Tuesday prevented our meeting with Mr. Stone. I do hope that we may have the opportunity again.

During February I became obligated for three lecture periods at Princeton on Wednesdays and Thursdays and this takes a good block of time out of each week.

I have had copies made of two articles I found in MAILLARD'S REVIEW which I thought would be of interest to you -

One a brief news item of the interest aroused among the Chinese in tariff revenue after Mr. Crane's visit.

The other article or rather letter seemed to me a very fair report of the attitude of older residents in China toward Japan. I felt sure you would read it with interest.

My friend, Rex Wheeler, at Hangchow has collected some very interesting data in his little volume "China and the War" published by Macmillan. He asked me to go over most of the material to give him my suggestions, and it was his hope that it would be published to be in people's hands during the discussions at the Peace Conference. It is a moderate record for one with strong sympathies for China, and yet the case is made in a way to arouse the interest of Americans. I hope you will read in the appendix of this book "The Black Dragon Document." This was first revealed by Putnam-Weale in his "The Chinese Fight for a Republic." It is the best clue to the present foreign policy of Japan.

Another book that goes farther in its criticism of Japan and yet keeps pretty faithful to conditions as I found them within Japan in the years that I was there is "Japan at the Cross Roads" by A. M. Peckay, an Englishman of Cambridge University, published by Dodd Mead & Co.

Men who are influential in the foreign policy of U.S. ought to have in mind the argument he presents as a corrective to the over-effective press propaganda of Japan.

I expect to be in New York on Monday, and am not certain of Tuesday as yet; Wednesday and Thursday I have to be at Princeton again. If I knew in advance of dates of meetings, I could have postponed or arranged for other dates my talks at Princeton.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 14, 1919

P.S. It has occurred to me that the first article by Rev. Robert F. Fitch in the last number of THE CHINESE RECORDER might be of interest to you - the article entitled "North-Western Szechwan." Mr. Fitch could have no technical training that would enable him to appreciate the problems of irrigation but his pictures and general description of the irrigation project might suggest some things of interest to you, so I am mailing it to you under separate cover.

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File Subject Conditions in China.

Date February 17, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please have sent to me, charges collect, the three books you mention, - "China and the War", "Japan at the Crossroads", and Putnam-Weale's "The Chinese Fight for a Republic".

I have read with much interest the two typewritten copies which you sent me.

It has occurred to me that one reason why Mr. Stone may have a natural inclination to think well of things Japanese is that there was an exceptionally bright and attractive Japanese student, a classmate of his, at Technology, who has now for many years past been the ^{owner and} editor of one of the leading Japanese papers; and that one of Mr. Stone's partners in Stone & Webster, married the daughter of Prof. E. S. Morse, who taught some years in Japan and became greatly enamored of Japanese art, etc.

However, Stone is an exceedingly able and clear-headed man and like thousands of other Americans only needs to have the other side of the shield presented for his inspection in order to draw accurate conclusions. One or two months ago I sent five dollars for a subscription to Millard's Review, to the reputed New York Agent, but have heard nothing from it.

I will probably not get over to New York this week. I still live in hopes of bringing you and Stone and Edmonds and Pritchett together for an evening in New York in the near future, but can't yet venture a guess at the date.

My weekly report from China, received this morning, states that Director General Hsueh Hsi-ling, left for Nanking on January 2nd, to take up with the Kiangsu authorities the question of the improvement of the Grand Canal in that Province, and that the Kiangsu authorities and gentry have officially intimated to the Cabinet their desire to have the improvement of the Canal in their Province undertaken at the same time as the work on the Shantung Chihli Section.

* Stijo Fukajawa of Tiji Shimpō

Mr. John E. Williams

1M. APRIL 1918

Copy No.

It occurs to me that if you felt free to do so you might do,
both me and the cause, a good turn by a friendly informal letter
to your friend, Chang-Chien, as to my own past experience in
hydraulic engineering matters, and the spirit in which I am under-
taking this work. *and that I expect to reach Shanghai? abt Sep. 1st*

The same report states that part of Mr. ~~Hsing~~'s object
in going to Nanking is to act as mediator in the forthcoming
peace conference between the North and South.

I am not clear which side of the fence he commonly stands
on. His overloading our survey with supernumeraries not strictly
necessary, has prejudiced me, and indeed, at first, almost made
me lose all altruistic interest in the work, thinking that real
energetic progress would have to wait until the next generation.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

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February 18, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R.I.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

Your letter of February 17th received today. I am very much interested in what you write about Hsiung's object in going to Nanking. There hasn't been time yet to hear from the outcome of those conferences at Nanking. Reports that do come from China seem more encouraging.

I can understand your feeling about Chang's overloading your survey with supernumeraries. I think that if you can deal directly with him you can point out the futility of such a course of action and win his confidence to more cooperation.

I shall write to Chang-Chien on the lines you suggest. I will send the letter by President Bowen, have him prepare a Chinese translation, sending the English and the Chinese and adding a letter of his own.

I appreciate what you have written about the background of Mr. Stone's sympathies with Japan. There are plenty of good things to be said for Japan's achievements. I have the more heart, however, for speaking frankly of Chinese-Japanese relations because I feel that one is rendering a service in so doing, not only to China but to the Japanese people, for a reversal of their policy can only be to the highest interest of the people of Japan.

I am going up this afternoon to attend the meeting of the American China Society and meet a few of those who are more interested in China. I have just been visiting with one of our graduates who is over here en route to France to work with the Chinese Labor Battalions. He is a fine boy and hopes to learn French in the year he has there, in addition to his English.

I shall try to arrange next week to be on hand for any possible conference you may have in mind.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated but not read
by Dr. Williams.

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Copy for Mr. Williams.

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Feb. 20, 19.

Henry S. Pritchett,

Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching,

Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

YOUR WIRE STATING ABSENT TUESDAY NIGHT JUST RECEIVED YOU ARE
INDISPENSABLE WONT YOU TELEPHONE TO STONE ALSO TO WILLIAMS
MADISON SQUARE NINE EIGHT NINE NAUGHT EDMUNDS CHELSEA NINE SIX
NAUGHT FOUR AND FIX UP A DATE WHICH ALL CAN MEET BETTER
HAVE ^{nearly} A WHOLE EVENING AVAILABLE I WILL COME OVER ANY DATE THAT
SUITS THE REST OF YOU

JOHN R FREEMAN

Mr Pritchett - Bryan 2584

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LINE No. 1

TO BE SENT PREPAID AND CHARGED TO ACCOUNT OF JOHN R. FREEMAN

John E. Williams,
University of Nanking,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

STONE ACCEPTS TO DINE WITH YOU AND ME AND PRITCHETT AND
WILLIAMS NEXT TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY TWENTY FIFTH SEVEN
THIRTY CENTURY CLUB

JOHN R FREEMAN.

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February 21, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman, Ph. D.,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R.I.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

I have just returned to the office to find the arrangements you were planning for a dinner with Mr. Stone, Dr. Pritchett and Mr. Williams. Tuesday evening would have suited me very well. Unfortunately Thursday evening suggested by Dr. Pritchett wasn't possible for me because I have three lectures on that date at Princeton.

I called Dr. Pritchett's secretary on the 'phone and raised the question whether Friday evening would be possible with him. She replied that it was not possible, but that he would suggest another date when we can get together. Next Thursday concludes my dates at Princeton and it will be possible for me to re-arrange any other speaking dates I may have to suit your convenience. I do appreciate very much your making these arrangements for me.

Very cordially yours,

V:R

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Feb. 24, 1919.

Charles A. Stone, President,
American International Corporation,
New York City.

REITCHETT COMPELLED TO VISIT UNION COLLEGE TUESDAY THEREFORE
COULD NOT PINE WITH YOU WILLIAMS EDMUNDS AND MYSELF BUT WAS
GOING TO TELEPHONE AROUND AND GET AGREEMENT ON A DATE HAVE
HEARD NOTHING FROM HIM YET THEREFORE TUESDAY EVENING IS CANCELLED

JOHN R FREEMAN

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Engineering School

George Chandler Whipple
Professor of Sanitary Engineering

Cambridge, Massachusetts.
February 28, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
815 Grosvenor Building,
Providence, Rhode Island.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

I wish to thank you very much for your kind letter of February 26th.

Perhaps I ought to say that I have a fairly intimate acquaintance with the Rockefeller people, and I am sure that if I decide to go to China, they will be glad to make it possible for me to do so. Dr. Peter and I have also talked over the matter. It would be a great pleasure to give the lectures which you mention and would be one more inducement for me to make the trip.

I also received a copy of Dr. Peter's letter which was certainly very interesting. As you know, I have a very high regard for him and believe him to be doing a wonderful work.

I feel sure that in view of the present conditions, financial and otherwise, China is not ready to undertake much in the way of sanitary construction, and I believe that the educational work which is being done by Dr. Peter and Dr. Chuan, the Surgeon-General of the Chinese Army, and a former student of mine, must precede the work of actual construction.

It is Dr. Peter's idea that I should speak in as many Chinese cities as possible, not so much to the people as to the officials and to the educators. Therefore, your suggestion comes in very pat.

I envy you the wonderful trip which you have planned out for yourself. I would like to go with you, but in view of the reconstruction of our Harvard Engineering School, I shall be needed in Cambridge during the coming summer. Perhaps I can go the following year.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) G. C. Whipple,

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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File Subject

Date

Mar. 3, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
25 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I spoke to you about Prof. Whipple's dream of going to China. I wrote to him of what you said in reply and this morning I have the letter enclosed herewith.

Pritchett at last accounts was at home sick, but pencilled a note from his bedroom that his Secretary was still on the job of trying to arrange that dinner sometime this week.

I shall breakfast at the Engineer's Club early on Friday morning.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/S
Enc.

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File Subject

Date March 6, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking.

Mr. Charles K. Edmunds, President,
Canton Christian College.

Dear Friends:

Yesterday I attended the convocation of Visiting Committees at Brown University and found Dr. Faunce most responsive to my recent suggestion that he invite each of you to give one or more lectures.

I had suggested that Dr. Williams might open, speaking to some such subject as "The Changing Political Conditions in China and the Outlook for the Future", and that Dr. Edmunds could give one or more illustrated lectures on some such topic as "Travels of a Scientist in China" - illustrated by views of the Yellow River Gorges, the Grand Canal and the Hangchow Bore.

This morning I have a letter from President Faunce, in which he says

"I am delighted to know of your interest in the two great leaders of Chinese development, Dr. Williams and Dr. Edmunds. Nothing would please me more than to have them here. I would write them this morning if I knew their addresses. I shall drop in and see you very soon.

I know well Dr. Marvin's books, and called upon him at Peking five years ago. I found him to be one of the most commanding figures I have known. I am not acquainted with Dr. Christy.

I believe that some day China is to recover her full position in the world. Six hundred years ago she had at Peking more education and more wealth than any other country in Europe. That will be the case again unless Europe gets some different basis of life from that of the last four years."

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Mr. John E. Williams, V.P.

1M. APRIL, 1918 Mr. Charles K. Edmunds, Pres't

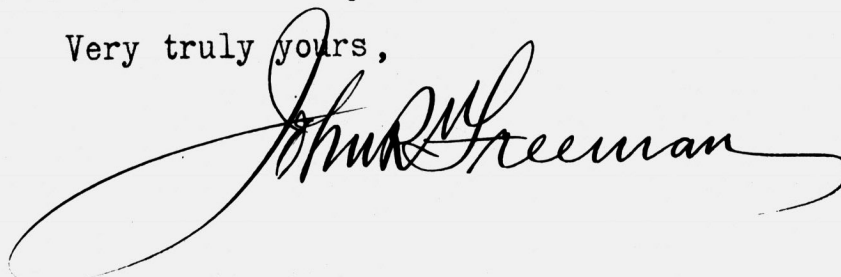
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Dr. Faunce has repeatedly expressed to me his great interest in China that developed out of what he personally saw. He has told me that if he were to leave the University, he would be strongly tempted to spend a large part of his active remaining years in China, helping in the work of awakening and development. He has repeatedly told me that he believes no part of the world offers a richer field for service to mankind.

I am just sending Dr. Faunce both your addresses and doubtless you will hear from him in a day or two.

Very truly yours,



JRF/S

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March 15, 1919.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I should have sent you a copy of the letter which I wrote to Dr. Faunce, following upon your suggestion of a lecture at Providence. Dr. Faunce's kind letter of March the 7th made no suggestion as to what days of the week would be most convenient, so I wrote him suggesting the dates of March the 26th, 27th and 28th, holding myself open for any hour he might fix on those dates, but have not yet heard from him.

I hope that the books which I left at the Engineers Club were turned over to you before you left the city last week.

I go down to Princeton the coming Wednesday to speak to the faculty of the University at their midweek convocation luncheon, on the Japanese-Chinese issue. It will be an interesting time for me, I am sure, and I hope it will arouse some interest on their part.

I have received a fine letter from Mr. Whipple, under date of March the 10th, of which I am enclosing a copy. It will be a great advantage to us if Mr. Whipple can give a course of lectures in Hanking, which might be attended not only by the faculty and the older students, but by the leading officials and gentry of the city.

I hope that when the date is fixed by Dr. Faunce it will be at a time convenient for you so that Mrs. Williams might go to Providence with me and enjoy the visit at your home to which she has been looking forward with great pleasure. With most cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

W:R

Encl.

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March 24, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I found that the package of books was still at the Engineers Club, so I am taking the liberty of mailing them over to you.

On Saturday I received a letter from Miss Hoyt, Dr. Brashear's secretary, telling what a severe attack of influenza he has had. It was a serious time for him. Her letter said that he was now able to be out on the veranda and was much better. I do hope he is fully recovering. What a wonderful spirit is his! In the midst of his sickness to be thinking of his friends and arranging that they should have word about him. I suppose Mr. Swasey has been with him during part of his illness. The friendship of you three men is one of the most beautiful things I have ever known, and it has been a great privilege to me to see and share its spirit.

I felt the evening with Dr. Pritchett was most enjoyable, and I hoped it served the ends that you had in mind. His friendship and interest can be of the greatest aid to Dr. Edmunds and myself in our work.

I received word from Dr. Faunce asking me to come for a lecture on Friday, April the 25th. He suggested dates between the 6th and 27th of April. A trip out to Chicago and Wisconsin prevented my coming earlier in the month, unless it could be put in on the 11th of April. Would that not be too close to your time of leaving for your trip West? When I suggested the latter date I had not anticipated the possibility of your not being in Providence. A visit to Providence in your absence would be like Hamlet with Hamlet left out. If the 11th would fit in with your plans and Dr. Faunce's, I would be glad to change to that date.

Very sincerely yours,

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date

March 25, 1919.

In reply to yours of

John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I shall have to start for California about Apr. 3rd and shall not be back until about the fifth of May. I went up and had a talk with Dr. Faunce, hoping to rearrange dates, but concluded that I would have to be absent when you came here.

He has a line of visits and talks in the West in the near future, which also complicates matters. It is a great disappointment to Mrs. Freeman and to me, for I had wanted to get together at our home a little group, who could be interested in the changing conditions in China.

Also I am disappointed that the only date for Edmunds' talk seems to be next Sunday afternoon. I had been hopeful that Dr. Faunce would arrange with you for two or three lectures and that more of an opening might thus be made for interesting New England's second City. I suggested to Dr. Faunce that he ask you to repeat to his faculty the intimate explanation regarding present conditions which you have given to the faculty at Princeton.

If you are still in this region when I get back from California and if C. R. Crane is then back from France, I will make another attempt to bring you and Edmunds together with Crane and Stone some afternoon or evening at one of the New York Clubs.

I thank you for following up the delivery of those books on China.

I had not heard of Dr. Brashear's illness. It is rare for a man of his age to conquer pneumonia, and I rejoice.

Mrs. Freeman left for Washington last evening to take a look at our new granddaughter (Roger's, three days old) and thence goes to Cleveland to see our grandson (Hovey's, about three weeks old) where I join her for a day on my route westward.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date

March 26, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds,

Dr. John E. Williams.

Dear Friends:

The Christian Science Monitor is taking a great interest in China. They sent me yesterday a copy of their issue of Mar. 24th, calling my attention to the optimistic interview of their representative with Mr. Liang Chi-chao.

I have written the C.S.M., as per enclosure, believing that all we can do to arouse popular interest in China is for the good of the cause in which we are all much interested.

Whatever we may think of the principles of the Christian Science Church, the Monitor is certainly a marvel of good editing and fills a field mostly neglected in these days of sensational journalism. I know of several families who have no patience with Mother Eddy's teachings, who subscribe to the Monitor because of its broad outlook and freedom from sensationalism and as a useful substitute for the vapid Sunday Journals with their abominable illustrations.

I shall be in New York City one day next week, probably Wednesday, and am hoping it will be possible to have a talk with Mr. C. H. Hwang. If he happens to be travelling in this part of the country, I would put him in contact with a friend of mine, who says he would take an interest in a new cotton mill adventure in China.

Very truly yours,

JRF/S
Enc.

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Carbon Copy of letter by
J. R. F. to

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Date

March 26, 1919.

In reply to yours of

The Christian Science Monitor,
Editorial Department,
Falmouth & St. Paul Streets,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I thank you heartily for sending me a copy of your issue of Mar. 24th containing the interview with the Chinese envoy.

There are two eminent educators from China now in this country that I think you would find it very interesting to confer with. One of these is Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, President of Canton Christian College; the other Dr. John E. Williams, Vice President of Nanking University. I spent some days at each institution and believe that these institutions are doing a wonderful work of a far-reaching character and that these two men are among the keenest students of Eastern conditions that I have ever met.

I suggest you write them and seek an interview. Dr. Edmunds' address is 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City; Dr. Williams is 25 Madison Ave.

The way that these men have secured the hearty cooperation of the leading Chinese statesmen and merchants in their respective districts and the way they have responded in keeping the instruction going on during the period of shortage of funds from America, speaks volumes for the appreciation they have gained.

Both of these gentlemen seem to enjoy intimate and confidential relations with the leading Chinese statesmen, and I have found my own conferences with them exceedingly illuminating.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

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Carbon copies to
Dr. Charles K. Edmunds,
Dr. John E. Williams.

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TELEGram.

April 2, 1919.

John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R.I.

Meet you after breakfast nine o'clock Friday morning Engineers
Club.

J. E. Williams.

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,
CONSULTING ENGINEER.

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date

April 3, 1919.

In reply to yours of

Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
Nanking University,
25 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Williams:

Your package of three books finally came to hand,
but I have not yet received the bill. Kindly send it to me and
I will remit.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/S

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John E. Williams,
Nanking University,
25 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

BUSINESS PREVENTS VISITING NEWYORK TOMORROW WILL GREATLY ENJOY
HAVING YOU AND MISTER WHANG AT BREAKFAST ENGINEERS CLUB EIGHT
TUESDAY MORNING

JOHN R FREEMAN

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April 8, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:-

In reply to your inquiry as to the cost of the books, I find I was able to secure some discount by purchasing through our Mission Board office:

Japan at the Cross Roads, \$3.50; 25% off, - - -	\$2.63
China's Right for the Republic, \$3.50; 20% off, - - - - -	2.80
China and the War, \$1.75; 25% off, - - - - -	1.32
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It was a very great pleasure to meet your son this morning. I do hope that he will make his plans to go to China, for at his age by learning the language and understanding the people, he can render a great service in increasing better mutual understanding between China and America.

I hope you have a splendid trip West.

Very sincerely yours,

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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Date

May 8, 1919

In reply to yours of

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Charles K. Edmunds, President,
Canton Christian College,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
25 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

It is my present intention to arrive at the Engineers' Club about 7:00 o'clock on next Tuesday morning and if either or both of you should happen around to the Club House at any time before 8:00, it would give me great pleasure to breakfast with you.

Regarding the date of my sailing to China, I expect to confer with the American International Company officials sometime during Tuesday. The present indications are that Mrs. Freeman and I would go probably by the Empress of Russia, sailing from Vancouver on Aug. 7th (note change of date from previous announcements.) The only possibility seems that the Pacific Mail, steamer Ecuador, leaving San Francisco Aug. 23rd, which would bring us at Shanghai somewhere about Sept. 16th. I would prefer to go by the Pacific Mail, but their longer time on the voyage is an adverse factor.

Incidentally, my Providence friend, J. R. MacColl, whom I want to meet Mr. C. H. Hwang, tells me that he is seriously in earnest about joining in an investment in a cotton mill in China and he knows some other experienced manufacturers who would join with him.

I am going to put up simply as a sort of pipe dream to Mr. Stone the suggestion of a "China Industries Company" which should have Kiukiang as its base for operations, and develop step by step both as an industrial village on modern improved lines and a series of industries adapted to the country.

Don't run away with the idea that there is more than, say, one chance in ten of my seed falling on fertile ground or being sown in a responsive climate, nevertheless it does no harm to make the suggestion.

Very truly yours,

JRF/S

John R. Freeman

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MAY 10 1919

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

May 9, 1919.

TRANSFER

Dr. J. E. Williams,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Williams:

Mr. Freeman has now returned to Providence and I should be glad to have you come on and lecture here any evening next week; that is, from Monday, May 11th, to Friday, May 16th, inclusive.

In the following week, Monday, the 19th, to Friday, the 23rd, inclusive, I am to be away in Denver, Colorado and shall not return until the 27th. If you could lecture here on the 29th or 30th, that would be equally agreeable to us. June is rather late in the year for lectures.

Would any of the dates I have mentioned be agreeable to you? Please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. P. Faurie

The Chinese Fight for a Republic
discussing
Chinese Japanese relations
in the Peace Conference

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May 10, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.
Dear Mr. Freeman:-

Your letter written en route from Chicago came in due time. I was delighted to know that you were back from your trip West. This morning I find your letter of May 8th, with the very interesting news of your plans. I shall try to arrange to see you on Tuesday of next week.

Mr. H. C. Ewang seems to be absent from the city. My efforts to connect with him by 'phone have not been successful. I am trying letters.

Your project for a "Chinese Industries Company" sounds intensely interesting. A proposition of that sort might be developed greatly and should be one of the most constructive lines of helping China, as well as a safe business proposition.

You will be interested in some word of success about the University. I have found it a pretty hard proposition this time in America, what with war, war drives, etc., and the double cost of building. Mr. Severance and Mrs. Prentiss are increasing their original gift for the Central Building from \$35,000 to \$65,000. This will make possible the erection of a building in accordance with the original plans, and is a great relief because the building is so desperately needed and because delay in the building had become discouraging to the staff on the field.

Yesterday also another special gift was made possible of \$25,000 for a chapel. \$15,000 had been originally pledged but would not carry through the project, so the original donor was so generous as to be willing to have his \$15,000 used in any way for the University, and have the Chapel erected with this special gift. This indirectly will make possible the completing of a third three-unit dormitory. These gifts are most timely and are, I am sure, the pledge of larger things to come.

Anticipating with pleasure seeing you next week,

Very cordially yours,

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TRUSTEES OF THE CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

156 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

C O P Y

31 Milk Street, Room 510

Boston, Mass.

May 19, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman

To Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Dr.

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May 27, 1919

Boston Mfrs Mut Ins Co.

(Signed)E.F.Robinson, Asst.

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Ranking

May 20th, 1919.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Bldg.,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Freeman:

The pleasure of my long anticipated visit to your home exceeded all my hopes. It was so delightful to have made real the background of your home and the life which the boys had lived with you.

I enjoyed very much going over Brown University with Dr. Faunce and knowing him more intimately. The luncheon with the men was thoroughly enjoyable. The audience in the evening was better than I deserved. With my throat in the raw condition that it was, it was kind of them to give such attention to such a raw speech.

I have just been glancing over the latest number of the "Outlook", that of Wednesday the 14th. It is gratifying to find that the "Outlook" is waking up to what is going on in the Orient. Its editorial "Japan gets Kiaochau" followed by "The Analogy between Japan and Italy" are well done. The leader "China and Japan at the Peace Table" is one of the most balanced and illuminating statements on the problem that I have read. I am curious to know who wrote it. It is quite out of the line of the usual tone of the "Outlook".

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Dr. & Mrs. Freeman....pk

I am sure you will be interested in reading those articles. The leader would be an excellent one to pass around among the friends down at 120 Broadway.

I am anticipating meeting you next Monday at the luncheon.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Freeman and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:M.

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Carbon Copy of letter by
J. R. F. to

File Subject

Date

May 23, 1919.

In reply to yours of

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Mr. A. V. Davis,
c/o Aluminum Co. of America,
120 Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Following our interview, I notified President Charles K. Edmunds of Canton College of your invitation to luncheon on Monday, May 26th, and he promptly cancelled an important Chicago engagement, deeming it of prior importance to have this conference with you.

Dr. Williams, Vice President of Nanking University also will be present and as a witness who can bear testimony to the great good which these institutions are doing in China and as to the appreciation of this work by the native born Chinese leaders, I have asked Mr. H. C. Hwang also to be present.

Mr. Hwang is a modest but extremely interesting character as typifying an earnest progressive Chinese, who largely worked out his own scheme of education followed by business success and now by an altruistic effort to help his fellow men toward industrial education on American lines.

He was a high-honor man under the old system of Chinese education, was one of the chief distributors of Flood Relief funds, is highly trusted by leading Chinese and leading Americans, had the "vision" to conceive and plan the Nanking Exposition and was the practical builder of the Chinese Pavilion at the recent San Francisco World's Fair, and when the Aluminum Company gets ready to establish a Utensil Plant in China, it will be worth while to have him on your list.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/S

Carbon copies to Messrs. Edmunds & Williams.

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TRUSTEES OF THE CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

156 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

C o p y.

John R. Freeman,
Room 815, Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

June 4, 1910.

Canton Christian College,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Attention of Dr. Edmunds

Dear Dr. Edmunds:

I present herewith with my compliments the
receipted bill for 6,500 charts for Barograph and Thermograph
these to be divided between the Canton Christian College and
Nanking University.

It gives me great pleasure to be of service and help-
ing along your good work.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) John R. Freeman.

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TRANSFER



June 12th, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

I came near telegraphing to inform you that I was to be in Washington on Friday of last week but I feared that the time would be too limited for me to carry out your idea of seeing some of the Senators.

I went over to speak for the Anti-Saloon League on China and incidentally to see Mr. W. T. Swingle in the Department of Agriculture who has made several trips of investigation to China. He had been securing for us a Mr. J. B. Griffing who has specialized in cotton for some years past and whom Mr. Swingle regards as the best man in the United States for the development of our cotton experiments in China. I think you would be interested to know too that the United States Department of Agriculture is sending Mr. O. C. Cook of the Department who is regarded as the ablest cotton expert in the United States to China this Summer. He and Mr. Griffing expect to sail on the tenth of July and both will make their headquarters at the University of Nanking. It has occurred to me that you could combine your interest in cotton commercially with the expert knowledge of these men to very good purpose and I further found that Dr. Taylor, the head of the Agriculture Department at Nanking, and Mr. Swingle would be deeply interested in and most sympathetic with such interest of American capitalists' cotton development in China.

Your friend Mr. McCall would learn a great deal from Mr. Swingle as he has travelled extensively in China. I was greatly interested further in the very unique work he was doing for the Library of Congress. They have now, the best library of Chinese books outside of China and they are indexing them very carefully and extensively. As for instance, Mr. Swingle found a book prepared by a Chinese gentleman in 1848 on the Li-chee, a most exhaustive and reliable work on that fruit extant. In fact Mr. Swingle was so enthusiastic he said they would learn more from the Chinese than they could teach the Chinese. Incidentally he showed me a sample of cotton which was better than any cotton produced in this country for its purpose.

The interesting thing is that the best grade

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Mr. John R. Freeman....p2

American cotton can be introduced into China in a large tract without danger of hybridization with the native cottons and vice versa. I find certain kinds of Chinese cotton almost like silk which can be grown in America without danger of hybridization with our cotton. These would be facts of the greatest commercial value as well as scientific interest.

I stopped at Washington en route to Marietta, Ohio where I went for the Commencement address. I returned via Pittsburgh and had a pleasant call upon Mr. Arthur Davis. He says he has more time in New York however and hopes to see more of me here. You will be interested too to know that Mr. Severance who gave our Central Building, was a class-mate of Mr. Homer Johnson and has entertained the hope for some time of interesting Mr. Johnson in doing something worth while for the University.

I have not seen Mr. Hwang since his return.

I hope all your plans for the China trip are developing in a satisfactory way.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Freeman and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:M.

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Carbon Copy of letter by

J. R. F. to

File Subject

Date

June 24, 1919

In reply to yours of

Nanking

Dr. H. C. Hwang,
Headquarters, Methodist Centenary,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Hwang:

I have your note of June 17th from Columbus and enclose to you copy of a further communication from Mr. Kennedy.

It is uncertain if I pass through San Francisco on my way to China, because I have secured passage for Mrs. Freemond and myself by the Empress of Russia, sailing from Vancouver Aug. 7th.

It occurred to me last evening while reading over some of the reports of my engineering staff in China and noting the time that it took before these American Engineers gained the full confidence of the Chinese Engineers so that records were freely opened and warm cooperation established that perhaps through your friendship with Mr. Chang Chen, the great man of Kiangsu Province, you can do me a great favor by passing along to him any opinions that you may have gained through contact or through our mutual friends Dr. Edmunds and Dr. Williams, as to my strong feeling of friendliness for China and my earnest desire to be helpful and to work out the problems entrusted to me along the best possible lines.

I am prompted to mention this because of the fact that in studying our work of improvement for Shantung, we ought to cooperate in the best possible way with whatever is planned for improving the Canal in Kiangsu and, therefore, I shall seek the acquaintance of Mr. Chang Chen and his Canal Engineers in order to learn their views.

I have no longing for obtaining concessions and no desire to find work for myself in another man's field. In fact, my work already promised for Shantung and Chili take time that can ill be spared from engagements in America, where I am continually asked to undertake more projects than I have time for.

What I saw in China two and one-half years ago greatly interested me in its problems and when I was asked by the American International Co. if I could find time to look after the Canal work, it was the thought that out of my experience I could perhaps bring some new ideas into the discussions of China's great hydraulic problems that would be useful which led me to undertake that work.

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Mr. H. C. Hwang

6-24-19

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Because of what you have told me of the heat in the regions between Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin along the Canal in the latter part of August and the first of September, I now contemplate proceeding immediately to Tientsin and Peking through Korea and Manchuria by rail, still I need not decide this positively until we reach Yokohama.

The time for my visit to Nanking probably will be in November and if possible, I shall come up to Kiukiang. At present I fear the trip overland to Canton will prove impracticable and perhaps I can see more of interest of a future utility by either taking a trip up through the Yangtze Gorges or by a trip up the West River from Canton, and I must conserve my time so as to see some of the river control works in India, the Assuan Dam on the Nile and the remarkable river control by the Italian Engineers in the Valley of the Po.

However, I shall continually bear in mind a visit to Kiukiang and to seeing you again.

If there is any way in which I can be helpful in obtaining information about American schools or industries, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/S
Enc.

Copy to Dr. Williams.

John R. Freeman, who has been assigned to leave before noon (8:00 a.m. on the 24th)

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Mr. John R. Freeman,
July 1, 1919.

letter I have received from Dr. Bowen, under date of May 20th.

"We certainly have a good friend in Mr. Swasey, and you can tell him for me that his faith in Hanking and in the University and in us has pulled us out of a good many blue and despondent moments. His steady and constructive encouragement, the daily use of Swasey Hall and its constant reminder of his noble and useful life have in these past two or three hard years meant more than we can fully realize now. I appreciate very much his advice to keep going. That is what we have been trying to do and that is what you have been trying to do over there, even under most discouraging circumstances, and with God's help we shall keep on going. With such friends as Mr. Swasey and Mr. Brashear, Mr. Severance and Mr. Freeman and not a few others in our boards and outside of our Boards, we are strong in the best things of life and of a university, too - the things of the spirit, faith, hope, confidence, trust and courage. Friends we have, and money will come when we can use it wisely and well. God has been leading us very definitely these nine or ten years, and now when we need Him most of all, possibly, He is surely going to stand by us to the full extent, if we are faithful to our trust. So while we do get blue sometimes when one sits down and thinks it out there is really no basis for it. I think we all realize here that you have been having the hardest time by far over there, and there is no spirit of criticism or impatience here. We are beginning to realize more and more clearly what you have been up against, and we have absolute faith and confidence that you have been and are doing everything possible."

You will pardon the personal references, as the men at some times seem discouraged with the delays in securing funds for pushing the buildings and additional men. We shall probably have to remain here for a while in the fall, before we can return.

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RIGHT TO CABLE
EXPRESS AND TELEGRAPH
TO PAWTUCKET

Manufacturing Company
Pawtucket, R.I.

July 2d - 1919

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for sending me the copy of letter from

Mr. [Name] regarding the subject of cotton in China.

It is interesting to know that good cotton can
be grown in China, and it goes to strengthen
the belief that cotton in China will be an unusually

profitable business. I will discuss the subject next week in
my lecture to my banking friends.

Very truly,
Sincerely,

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. Collins



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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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July 3, 1919

TRANSFER

In reply to yours of

Nanking

John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I now have the Purchasing Agent of the American International Corporation working hard to change my reservation from Aug. 7th to Sept. 4th on the Empress or Asia, or possibly to the Equador of Aug. 23rd.

Chief Engineer Ripley writes me that various things on the surveys have gone more slowly than anticipated and asked me to hold back a month. Meanwhile this will enable me to escape the hot weather of the last week in August.

I enclose to you a photostat of a letter just received from my friend Mr. MacColl, which indicates that the information you have given me about cotton and cotton mills in China has been put where it is receiving attention.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

JRF/S
Enc.

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July 7th, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I do hope the agent succeeds in booking you on the "Empress of Asia" September 4th. She is a fine boat and a fast one as you well know. I shall feel a good deal easier to know that Mrs. Freeman and yourself are escaping the heat of Summer in China.

The political situation in China is pretty acute just now and it might be just as well for your enterprise to allow things to cool off a bit before you see the officials or others in China. The feeling against the Japanese is very intense and Americans in the Council of the Big Three in agreeing to turn over Shantung may place the implicit confidence they have always had in us, under severe strain.

Our government, I fear, is going to make one of the most serious diplomatic blunders it has ever made in its history if it throws in its lot with Japanese Prussianism over against the real indigenous Democracy of China.

I am enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Dixon, of the Christian Science Monitor which may be of interest as you first introduced me to the Monitor.

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On the Asia the fourth of September, we will have a young woman going over as laboratory technician for the hospital, Miss Grace Bauer. Also an attractive young couple who have just finished at Princeton, Mr. and Mrs. James Speers, Jr. He is going for the work among the boys in the High School.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Freeman and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:M.

P.S. I am interested in the letter from Mr. MacColl. I know that our people at Washington will be pleased to have Americans go into the cotton business in China.

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re' gift to Univ of Nanking
charts for barograph & thermograph

Nanking

TRANSFER

July 8th, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

From the office of the Canton ~~Chang~~ I have learned of your generous thought in providing additional charts for barograph and thermograph. It is interesting that I just received a letter from Mr. Reiser at Nanking asking me to order these charts as by the time they reach the field their present supply would be exhausted. You had anticipated their needs before they were aware of them. In behalf of the University I want to thank you for this generous provision for that work.

I think you would be gratified by the degree of interest taken by all of the students in these records, particularly those in the agricultural and forestry work.

Very cordially yours,

JRW:M.

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July 11th, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I hope your plans for changing to the Empress of Asia, sailing September 4th was successful. You know the boat and how comfortable and delightful it would be for Mrs. Freeman. I shall feel a good deal easier to know that Mrs. Freeman and yourself are escaping the heat of a China Summer.

The political situation in China is pretty acute just now and I am inclined to think that it would be just as well for your enterprise to allow things to cool off a bit before you have to see officials or other leaders in China. The feeling against the Japanese is very intense. I do hope that the President's agreement in the Council of the Big Three to turn over Shantung may not react against the feeling of implicit confidence which the Chinese have always had in America. You doubtless, as all others are, awaiting his speech to the Senate for the explanation of some things that were difficult to understand in the Treaty.

The political situation in China, owing to the character of the tu-chuns, is very difficult and affords the Japanese such an easy way into the control of the situation. The people of China will, I am sure, not lay down completely under that situation. It is very difficult for one to see how our Government with its ideals can throw in its lot with Japanese Prussianism, however efficient, against the real indigenous democracy of China, making a real struggle for expression in new political institutions.

The real will and desire of the people cannot be ignored for long.

I am enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Damm, editor of the Christian Science Monitor which may be of interest to you as you first introduced me to him.

On the Empress of Asia there will be among friends of ours sailing. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. S. Morse of Hwai Yuen who went to China in '98 will be found, I am sure, delightful company. They are charming people. On the same steamer we have Dr. and Mrs. J. Horton Daniels of Minnesota State and P. & S. Medical going to the hospital at Nanking. It might be a comfort to you

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to know a good doctor friend on board and I shall write them notes, asking that they make themselves known to you.

Miss Grace Bauer, laboratory technician in charge of all the laboratory tests in the Howard Kelly hospital in Baltimore is sailing on the same boat to fill the same position in the hospital of Nanking. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smead of Plainfield are going to the Y. M. C. A. work in Peking. He had a term in China. They are very intimate friends of ours. There will be enough of these young people around and as many other friends to make the voyage a very pleasant one, I am sure.

I am interested in Mr. MacColl's letter.

Dr. O. C. Cook and Mr. J. B. Griffing are sailing on the "Nanking" the seventeenth of this month.

The University's work in sericulture and cotton development is attracting a very wide attention. The Sun had a full column on it the other day. From what source they derived their material, I do not know.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Freeman and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEF:M.
Encl.

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, 115 South Street,
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July 14, 1919.

In reply to yours of

John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Williams:

It has finally worked out that I sail not on the Empress of Russia or the Empress of Asia, but on the Pacific Mail Steamer Equador from San Francisco Aug. 23rd. Mrs. Freeman accompanies me - probably my son Evert will also go, although he does not yet know that I have a berth for him secured.

I shall be at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, for about a week prior to sailing, engaged on the engineering of a Dam under construction for the Oakland, Calif. Water Supply.

We shall stop in Japan only two or three days, barely long enough to give Mrs. Freeman a glimpse of its characteristics and then proceed to China either over the route we followed up through Korea, or continuing by the same boat to Shanghai. I don't know which will prove best and I am seeking information before deciding.

The work of the surveys has gone more slowly than expected and our Chief Engineer asked me to delay my arrival until the end of December. *September*

I expect it will take me all of the months of October and November and perhaps to the middle of December to complete my professional work and after that I want to take a day or two at Nanking and perhaps go up the river to Kiukiang for a day or two, and it may be that I will extend my sight-seeing by going up the river to the gorges if steamboat conditions favor. I shall return to Shanghai at about the full of the moon to have its benefit in seeing the Hangchow Bore at its best and then hurry on to Hongkong with a brief trip to Canton and thence westward to Singapore, Batavia, perhaps Ceylon, Mandalay, Calcutta, Delhi, Bombay and thence to Suez.

Your letter of July 11th has interested me so much that I have carried out my threat of sending you on a mission to inform the United States Senators, and I am enclosing a copy of letter that I have sent today to Senators Thomas, Phelan, Colt, Lodge, Read and Pitman. The presentation of your card or the carbon copy of letter will secure you an audience I think in either case.

John R. Freeman

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Thomas was formerly Governor of Colorado, is one of the country's greatest mining lawyers and one of the Senate's most forceful debators and a man of keen human sympathy, who will probably listen to your story with deeper altruism than the others. - I knew him in my work for the Denver Water Co.

Phelan is an exceptionally able man, worth millions, and a quiet benefactor of many good causes, and will be found reflecting the ordinary California views. There is a good deal of the warm-hearted Irishman about him. He was formerly Governor of California and has been the "angel" of many a struggling young artist and musician. He has already spoken with great earnestness on these matters in the Senate and will, I am sure, welcome your acquaintance as a source of information.

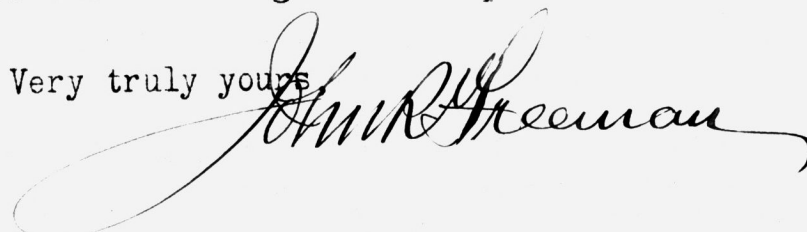
Colt was my neighbor across the street for years. He was for more than twenty years a Judge of the U. S. Circuit Court - is a polished old school gentleman, rather past the fighting age and represents the judicial temperament, but also likes to join in the debate and is a good Republican. (I should state that both Thomas and Phelan are Democrats, but broad-minded.)

Henry Cabot Lodge of course you know is of the Superior Boston cult and somewhat top lofty, but a great friend of the higher education and your college status will appeal to him. Likewise I am sure he will be glad of the inside facts you can give.

Sen. Read, I became acquainted with in the Hetch-Hetchy controversy. He may have forgotten me. He has the characteristics of the country lawyer and loves to be mixed up in a scrappy debate. I don't think he has the quality of statesmanship of some of the others.

Pitman of Nevada is a wild westerner, who made his pile in the early rush to the Klondike. He was one of our staunch fighters for the Hetch-Hetchy and while a Democrat, is, I think, always interested in the welfare of the under-dog in a scrap.

Very truly yours,



JRF/S
Enc.

P.S: Your mention of so many interesting people sailing by the Asia on Sept. 4th makes me regret that I did not accept that option instead of the Equador, but perhaps you will have some friends on the Equador. Swasey strongly advised the Pacific Mail boat (who was with me when I had to make the quick decision) notwithstanding it takes eight days more on the water.

JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

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In reply to yours of

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July 18, 1919.

Nanking

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Mr. John E. Williams, Vice President,
University of Nanking,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Williams:

The wise politicians have been looking for a great moral issue as a stimulus during the next campaign. I think we have it in Shantung.

If our missionary friends will arouse their respective churches to the true state of affairs in China, there would be a reaction from the church-going people throughout the country which those who are mere politicians would not dare to ignore.

I believe that you and your friends would be doing the Lord's work to help this awakening by some carefully thought out plans and then some systematic action on a broad scale.

Our friend Hwang ought to be able to start something with his friends of the great and powerful Methodist Church.

It is the country at large, particularly the middle West and the far West, which will control things rather than New England, but in the mountainous regions of the South, people are very keen on moral issues.

It looks to me that Henry Cabot Lodge states the thing right when he says that our representatives sold out China as the price of Japan's vote. This is Peace with dishonor and I look at the League of Nations in its present form as a League to promote War.

I shall be in New York City all day Tuesday of next week, probably the last time before I hop off for California and the far East. I note by this morning's paper that the delegates from Paris are back as far as New York. If C. T. Wang is among them, perhaps it could be arranged that I have a few minutes with him next Tuesday?

I enclose a letter from Senator Thomas.

I have had my attention called to two exceptionally able recent Chinese graduates of the Mass. Institute of Technology by the head of the Civil Engineering Department and have employed them to make a few computations while they are hunting a job and have been trying to help them plan their future.

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It now looks that they may have to return to China in the immediate future and I shall try to find a place for them for the next six months on the Canal work, but it occurs to me that you might know of an opening in China for these men to teach engineering mechanics. Their names are Chen Tan, a resident of Tientsin, and Cho Pin Hsueh from the Haui River district, both graduates of Tan Shan Engineering College.

Prof. Spofford tells me that Chen Tan, though only twenty years old, had just about the keenest intellect in the graduating class and not content with a S.B. was working for a Master's Degree.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman

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Enc.

LE BARON B. COLT
RHODE ISLAND

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 15, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Room 315, Grosvenor Bldg.,
Providence, R. I.

Mr. J. R. FREEMAN.
For Mr. Freeman.
Received JUL 17 1919
ACK. J. R. FREEMAN.
By Mr. Freeman.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

I am just in receipt of your very kind letter of yesterday and I hasten to assure you that I shall be very glad indeed to meet Mr. John R. Williams, Vice President of Wisking University, China, any time that he may find it convenient to call upon me. Your introduction of Mr. Williams will be amply sufficient to insure him a most cordial welcome.

With kindest personal regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

L. B. B. Leach

Ref'd to
Dr. Williams

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PACIFIC RAILROADS.

July 16, 1919.

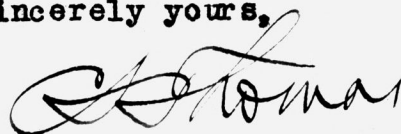
John R. Freeman, Esq.,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

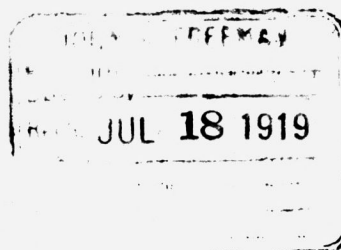
I have your letter of the 14th instant, and greatly regret my failure to see you while in Washington.

I am obliged for the information you gave me regarding Dr. John E. Williams, and shall certainly avail myself of the opportunity of talking with him as soon as possible regarding affairs in China, which are of supreme importance to us now, and particularly in view of our consideration of the pending Treaty.

Very sincerely yours,



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July 16, 1919.

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Dr. John E. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

My friend, Mr. John R. Freeman, of
Providence, Rhode Island, has written me regarding
your familiarity with Chinese affairs, and the
further fact that you may ^{have} been in Washington. Should
you visit the Capitol, I would be obliged if you
would call upon me as I need all the information
I can possibly secure at first hand regarding this
all important subject.

Very truly yours,

C. S. Thomas

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITIONS.

July 19, 1919.

Mr. John R. Freeman,

815 Grosvenor Bldg.,

Providence, Rhode Island.

My dear Mr. Freeman:-

I am sorry that I did not see you when you were in Washington. While the Chinese question is only incidentally before us at the present time, it will be with us always and will continue to force itself upon our attention more seriously.

I will be very pleased to meet Dr. Williams any time that he may find time to come to Washington. I trust that you will convey this information to him.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Respectfully referred to Dr. Williams.

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JOHN R. FREEMAN,

CONSULTING ENGINEER,

Room 815, Grosvenor Building,

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

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In reply to yours of

The attached letter was also sent to:

Senators Henry Cabot Lodge,
LeBaron B. Colt
Read of Missouri
Key Pitman of Nevada
Charles S. Thomas

all in care of Senate Building, Washington, D. C.

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JAMES D. PHILAN
CALIFORNIA
JOHN D. COSTELLO
MASS.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 25, 1919

Mr. John R. Freeman
215 Grosvenor Building
Providence, R. I.

My dear Mr. Freeman:

I have your letter of the 14th, introducing Dr.
John B. Williams of Nanking, China, and when the doctor is in
Washington and presents your letter, it will afford me much
pleasure to meet him and introduce him to some of my col-
leagues.

I am

Very truly yours

Wm. J. Freeman
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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

July 21, 1919

My dear Sir:

I have your letter and am glad to know your good opinion of Dr. Williams. I am so tied down by my work here that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for me to make a definite appointment, but I shall of course be glad to see him if possible when he is in Washington.

Very truly yours,

John R. Freeman, Esq.,
815 Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

H. C. Lodge

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AMERICA'S POSITION AS DEFINED BY JOHN HAY

Extract from Correspondence Concerning American Commercial Rights in China from "Foreign Relations of the United States, 1899" pp.128-139. Mr. John Hay, Secretary of State to Joseph H. Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, page 132, State Department Washington, Sept. 6, 1899.

"While the Government of the United States will in no way commit itself to a recognition of exclusive rights of any power within or control over any portion of the Chinese Empire under such agreements as have within the last year been made, it cannot conceal its apprehension that under existing conditions there is a possibility, even a probability, of complications arising between the treaty powers which may imperil the rights insured to the United States under our treaties with China.

"This Government is animated by a sincere desire that the interests of our citizens may not be prejudiced through exclusive treatment by any of the controlling powers within their so-called "spheres of interest" in China, and hopes also to retain there an open market for the commerce of the world, remove dangerous sources of international irritation, and hasten thereby united or concerted action of the powers at Peking in favor of the administrative reforms so urgently needed for strengthening the Imperial Government and maintaining the integrity of China in which the whole Western world is alike concerned."

Viscount Aoki, Minister for Foreign Affairs to Mr. Buck, Tokyo Dec. 26, 1899. "Mr. Minister: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note No. 176 of the 20th instant, in which, pursuing the instructions of the United States Government, your excellency was so good as to communicate to the Imperial Government the representations of the United States as presented in notes to Russia, Germany, and Great Britain on the subject of commercial interests of the United States in China. I have the happy duty of assuring your excellency that the Imperial Government will have no hesitation to give their assent to so just and fair a proposal of the United States, provided that all other powers concerned shall accept the same."

On March 20th, 1900, Mr. Hay was able to send instructions to the American Ambassador and Minister in the five countries that all had "accepted the declaration suggested by the United States," etc! Page 142.

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Nanking

July 28th, 1919

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Your letter of July 14th was forwarded to me at Silver Bay where I was spending some ten days in the Y.W.C.A. Conference. I only got back in New York on Friday. I have since received copy of letter from Senator Lodge and also one today from Senator Phelan.

It has been necessary for me to be in New York for meetings tomorrow and Wednesday so I was unable to plan to go to Washington earlier.

I have been very much relieved and cheered up by the Shantung issue. I can conceive of nothing better for the American people than its discussion in Senate that educates them to the real issues involved. Judging by much of the discussion in the New York papers, they are practically all of one accord. The people are becoming really aroused over Japanese plans in China. I am a little nervous over what kind of a statement Tokio will issue in the crisis and also lest the President should come out in one of his classic Notes which may confuse the issue all the more. I think Judge Hughes' statements in the paper this afternoon are very much to the point. We MUST have the League of Nations. We MUST have it modified to guard America's position and if America cares for the most valuable friendship it can have in International relationships in the future, she must guard very carefully the position integrating the independence of the Chinese People.

We came over on the "Ecuador" and she is a very good boat if you are well above decks, as you surely will be. The main passenger deck was very poorly ventilated. The captain is a delightful character whom you will greatly enjoy. He has an interesting sea yarn, Captain Swanson, which you will read, as all good passengers do.

You will have well escaped the heat by going on the twenty-second and probably you will not lose time in connecting up with your work in China. I doubt whether the boycott and the very tense feeling would delay any important negotiations with influential Chinese. If the Senate cannot come out clear and strong on the Shantung issue and the United States develop a better policy in its relations with China, following on the lines

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of Secretary Hayes' principle, the confidence of the Chinese in America will be greatly deepened for this trying experience and the position America will have will even be more secure than in the past.

I appreciate very much your writing to the Senators and opening the way for anything I might be able to say there.

I shall endeavor to learn who we have going on the "Ecuador" and will send you the list. The "Express of Asia" has a fine group of people in addition to a number of some of the most wide-awake people in Mission circles, Dr. P. W. Kuo, Ph. D., a member of our Board of Managers of the University and the head of the Government Teachers' College at Nanking and one of the most influential man in educational circles in all of China, is sailing on that boat, as is also Mr. Wang Kwang, head of the Yang-ste Engineer works at Hangkow. In fact, you will recall visiting him, I think, with Mr. Swasey and the party.

I am getting to feel very envious of your going to China before I return.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Freeman and yourself,

Sincerely yours,

JEW:M.

P.S. Mr. Millard has appeared in the New York Times on last Friday and Sunday in a very telling article on the Peace Conference and the Shantung issue. I should think that his bringing in of so many disturbing facts, he would be a very disagreeable fellow to the Japanese.

J.E.W.

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August 16, 1919.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
S.S. Ecuador,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Dr. Freeman:

I finally got down to Washington upon the Mission on which you sent me. I had a good visit with Mr. Paelan in his office. Lunched with him the following day at the Senate. Was introduced to Lodge by Phelan and talked at considerable length with Senator Lodge, stressing the background of Chinese democratic convictions and the importance of the best understanding between U. S. and China as the great democratic peoples.

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It was easy to talk with Senator Lodge because he was so keen for the things I could tell him. Senator Thomas I found as you said a very thoughtful man of high principles. He told me he had studied and restudied the Treaty with the League and Covenant and he confessed to the deepest apprehensions about it. He said he regarded the statement prepared by the Chinese Embassy as one of the ablest and best State papers he had ever read. He says: "I do not want to vote for that treatment of China and yet what can we do with Japan." Phelan was as you said a warm hearted Irishman but with the California views. His main concern is to stop the Japanese immigration. I stressed with him the importance of the best understanding with the Chinese and what they represented in social and political thought and what their ideals were in government. I need not say that all of these men were most cordial. Your introduction was the best opening I could have.

Your letter of July 18th was just received this morning. It came to the office while I was up state at Silver Bay, was forwarded to me and tied up in Burleson's postoffice and did not come to hand until this morning. I felt more free to call to see Senators Phelan and Lodge since I had already received their replies. Your letter of the 18th contained replies from Senators Colt, Thomas and Pittman. I am very much interested in your taking the two young men over with you and hope they will be of real assistance as well as being afforded the opportunity for the best kind of introduction in returning to their own land. I envy your getting back to China before we do.

I am expecting to have another good conference with Mr. Pritchard over library development in China. I think I have a proposition that will be sure to interest him on the library side. I hope you will feel perfectly free to write to President Bowen and suggest any way in which he can cooperate with your plan. He will account it a privilege to do so. I was very glad to get the further suggestions in the letter of the 18th about raising the people in the Churches in America. The American public is becoming aroused on the Shantung issue and I feel certain that more could be done on the lines you suggest.

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Cordially yours,

With best wishes for bon voyage to Mrs. Freeman and yourself

Cordially yours,

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October 30, 1926.

Dr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I., U. S. A.

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My dear Doctor Freeman:

I do not know whether I have written you since the fine visit we had with Jack and his wife. We had a most interesting and happy time with them and were delighted to know Jack's wife. She is such a splendid woman. It was a delight to see how Jack has grown in his interests and sympathies and how keenly he entered into the problems of the work here. His very generous appreciation of what we are trying to do is most encouraging to us.

I have just written a letter to Mr. Swasey and enclose a copy. It will give some account of our work here. Notwithstanding the war all about us we are right in the midst of the best year we have had. You will note in my letter to Mr. Swasey that we are putting up another dormitory. The fact that we keep building and moving right ahead in the midst of all the confusion has its effect on the whole city, and has its reflex influence on the morale of the whole people through the more than 600 college students who come to us from all parts of China. The American people must be greatly disturbed by present conditions in China and may be tempted to lose interest in the work that we are doing. We are more convinced than ever of its need and its effectiveness.

You were most helpful in putting me in touch with Arthur Davis and with Johnson. We hope you can continue your interest and encouragement to them to take action as early as they can to make available for us what they are considering - a million dollars for endowment. A gift at this time would be doubly effective. We have no fear that the Chinese people are going to go back on us or disown in any way the work we are doing. They are having a serious time politically and governmentally and the outlook is that this condition of affairs will continue for some time yet. As long as we have the good will and the best men of the gentry, the Chamber of Commerce and all the leaders of the Chinese government education, we do not think that the extreme views from Russia can drive us out.

I think Mr. Lowdermilk has been sending you regularly reports of the weather bureau. He has made a great development in that line and has stations for observation up the Hwai River, the Yellow River, and in many parts of China. He is acknowledged to be the first man in his line in the Orient.

Please remember me to Jack and his wife. Mrs. Williams and I would join in most cordial regards to Mrs. Freeman and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 31, 1927.

Mr. John R. Freeman,
Grosvenor Building,
Providence, R. I.

My dear Mr. Freeman;

I am making bold to send to you one of the special appeals that our Board of Trustees have just issued. I arrived here last week and will be here until our Trustees meeting on the 9th of June at least.

As you know the University has two kinds of missionaries: those supported by the Mission Boards; and those supported by the University. We probably had a larger number of men supported directly by the University and our Trustees than the other Mission schools in China. Hence, the burden on our Trustees is rather heavy in providing these extraordinary expenses connected with the Nanking affair. We were extremely sorry that we had to leave as we did and give up the work that was going on so hopefully.

You will be especially interested in Mr. Lowdermilk and his work. He is in California and is to study at the University of California. He is already out in field work for his thesis. You perhaps will have read his article in a recent number of the American Geographical Society magazine. He has refused an offer to join permanently the American Forestry Service, hoping within a year or two to return to China. He is only one of several of our men who were doing very significant and important work for the future of China. We hope it is only an interruption and not a cessation of our work in Nanking.

With very highest remembrances,

Cordially yours,

President.

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