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Shanghai July 5th 1848.

Brothers

Yours dated April 4th with one from our brother is just received and I have only bare time to reply as the vessel that brought up the mail leaves this afternoon with the mail to go down and should I delay writing this vessel the next departure from here would be to 10 I am afraid that your first venture to China will not turn out a very profitable one But never mind we cannot always have good luck. Inclosed inclosed you an order for (50) fifty barrells of the "Galleo" and Flour had we got our Mr Bayles invoices this mail perhaps we might of given you a larger suppose he has 50 bbls with him but never mind for I am in hope we shall be able to dispose of about 100 Barrells a year in this market business with us very dull indeed never worse it is very dull all over coast except in opium which is in great demand. Kind of an arrangement did you make with him in regard to being our agent in the U. S. it appears that Bayles has got married well it is my candid opinion that he had better not stay that of a spec longer for it will be very unwise to him and his lady will not have much company out here and then the hot weather is trying to fatten the country is full and dangerous every one has the ague out here well now but that his good lady will wish herself at home but then that is their business I am sorry

th him were it will be a d-b of expense in paying
passage to this place and then what have we
for them to do after he gets here I suppose that
Miss wants to be the gentleman but that never
will do no never and what I hear from parties
your city has neglected a part of the business
he went home to do were a good sound
decisions Merchant would think and a very
per conclusion that he thought a piece
beautiful young ladies were the only person
was necessary for him to become acquainted
th and they the only ones that he need to soli-
for consignments or to chat and flirt
and with them was of more consequence than
King round so he might purchase good at the
best market price or for him to listen to
of their love affairs would equal to
blushing and coquetry here in China it is
poor sine and show a weakness in the
are were the above is my business. But I
sum you will say that I am always a
muling about something well I have reason
treated as I am. It has been my motto
since I was old enough to know right
wrong that a man who could not bring
whole mind his whole influence his whole
and existence if required in the business
he followed was not the man for
he did. I know his duty. Please
mention in his letter to me that Mr. Pardon

Shanghai July. 5th 1848.
Messrs Fogg Brothers & Co.
Boston

Gentlemen,

Your esteemed favour under date
April 4th covering an invoice of 30 Boxes of
Tern Candles was duly received and we
shall endeavour to make as speedy and as
profitable a sale as ^{we} possibly can. Although
we cannot give you much encouragement
that there will be an immediate sale for them
as now business being very dull with us
at present and the market being pretty
well supplied with candles at present. But
we may rely on our doing our best with
them on their arrival here & as soon as we
can make a sale we will remit you the
proceeds

We wish for you to forward to our
address per first vessel on our account 50
barrelles of the "Gallego" Brand flour as
it keeps the best and is considered the best
flour out here if you cannot ship it direct
to Shanghai were you must ship it to
Hong Kong forwarding us an invoice and B/L
in season so we can return the lot
to our agent that he may receive it

Yours obt. Servts

Woodberry Baylis & Co.

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to step out for always how had
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home or just about the same
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