Shanghai Aug. 19th 1866

P.S. Crowell Esr.

I write to inform you that I shall take the Syrian charter as after making all inquiries as regards business in the China trade and also the amount of disengaged tonnage, it did not take long to decide the matter that is no paying business in the local trade and what few vessels are loading tea are getting £2, and £1,17. 6, and no doubt they will be down to £1.10. o. I arrived here on the 8th and despatching goods slowly as the market is overstocked and consignees are slow in coming after their goods as to the coal it is hard to tell where I shall get it all out as there is great demand for it from all ships here from New York been laying here 20 4, 30 days having coal on board 6000 tons, have not discharged a pound yet, there is no demand for it except from Chinese and the Merchants are selling it out in small lots of 100-150 tons. I have got out about 67 tons that I have in Carli and one half of the Measurement goods
I am sorry to inform that I have got into a law scrape on acct. of Mr. Howes striking one of the Men with a belaying pin. Whereupon they all refused duty. The consuls imprisoned them. They then entered a charge of assault & misdemeanor against me & W. G., although I was not on board when it occurred. He had got close up to the anchorage the pilot still in charge. Prr's being anxious to get her letters I went ashore to get them. While about the affair took place, the trial comes off tomorrow before the U.S. Court consisting of the consuls and two American Secretaries, in my next letter I will let you know how the affair terminates. I shall have to get about eleven or twelve hundred yards of canvas to make the 300 bags. So the islanders also some second hand rice bags to lay a storing for my carriage. I shall use some of my old lattice sails to help out. I shall not call to Beornaba, but when come home at some of the Islands in the South Pacific very likely the Navigators.

PS. It is very hot here. Your Met. Oct. 1st
Persis's health is very good. I am. K. Aged only losing flesh.
P. S. Crowell. Esq:

I write to inform you that I shall take the Guano charter as after making all inquiries as regards business in the china waters and also the amount of disengaged tonnage, it did not take long to decide the Matter there is no paying business in the local trade and what few vessels are loading teas are getting £2. and £1.17.6 and no doubt they will be down to £1.10.00. I arrived here on the 8th and discharging very slowly as the Market is overstocked and Consignees are slow in coming after their goods as to the coal it is hard to tell when I shall get it all out as there is poor demand for it there are ships here from N. York been laying here 20 & 30 days having coal on owners acct. have not discharged a pound yet. there is no demand for it except from Chinese and the Merchants are peddling it out in small lots of 10 & 15 tons I have got out about 27 tons that I had in Casks and over half of the Measurement goods [over page] I am sorry to inform that I have got into a saw Scrape on acct. of Mr Howes striking one of the men with a belaying pin, Whereupon they all refused duty. the consul imprisoned them they then entered a charge of assault & Misdemenor against me & Mr H. although I was not on board when it occurred. We had got close up to the anchorage the pilot still in charge Persis being anxious to get her letters I went ashore to get them. While absent the affairs took place. the trial comes off tomorrow before the U. States Court consisting of the Consul and two associates but no jury. in My next letter I will let you know how the affair terminates. I shall have to get about eleven or twelve hundred yards of Canvas to Make the 500 bags for the Island also some Second hand rice bags to lay a flooring over my dunnage. I shall use some of my old rotten sails to help out. I shall not call to Honolulu, but when bound home at some of the Islands in the South Pacific very likely the Navigators.


P. S. It is very hot here, but Persis's health is very good only losing flesh.