

Tokio 1st April 1846

As I have addressed various members of the Japanese Government regarding a work styled Epitome of Japanese Ancient History and Guide Book of which I compiled and had printed in all 2000 copies in Nagasaki, and which work has been spoiled by the handiwork of Japanese Spys employed in the printing office in Nagasaki, for fuller particulars of ~~particulars~~ refer you to my letter to Mr. Terashima a Minister of Foreign Affairs

I have all along been treated in error by the Japanese as an enemy, my forbearance to publish the above facts in the columns of the foreign press, tho' requested to do so, is a proof that I am no enemy, but how has my forbearance been treated? I am at this present moment treated as an enemy, and my life in Japan has been made bitterer than death by persecution, and longer to remain silent and see the result of all my labours lost, the Japanese would only call me a fool for so doing, when I hold the means in my hands to obtain justice, and took good care in Nagasaki, (whilst I was powerless to prevent) to secure from time to time proofs of the handiwork of the Japanese Spys, which I brought with me, and have deposited in a place of safety. Should the Japanese Government care to enquire into the truth of these particulars with a view of making me amends in a manner honourable

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to themselves which is the only way I would wish to be treated, as I wish nothing base or dishonourable, an early note will find me at Messrs Lane Crawford & Co Yokohama

In justice to myself I can no longer conceal the real cause of the book being spoiled, and before I leave this quarter I mean to publish a supplement to my History explaining all the particulars of the work of the Japanese Press in spoiling my book, with the proofs of same without which I could not expect to stand the certain adverse criticism of the Chinese Press, that is to say of my books have not already been destroyed by the Japanese setting fire to the office of the Kising Sun, where my books were deposited, the particulars of which fire as yet I am ignorant of; but which I will ascertain before I leave this quarter

I remain
Yours respectfully

To Kuma Sama }
Suzi } N. M. Child

Great and wise men in all ages loved to hear the truth for their Country's good, and I have endeavoured in my History to speak the truth to the best of my knowledge, truth is the only medicine that will poison the Devil, or drive him out of Japan, and send him to the bottomless pit

My principal reason for addressing the various members of the government is that they may have an opportunity of making searching enquiries as many things are done in Japan which the heads of the government are ignorant of as no upright man would wish his name branded with infamy in connection with such disgraceful proceedings. N. M.

PS Before proceeding to Yokohama to take my private advice I mean to visit the British Legation, and also make a statement, and set American Agents indisputable facts of the ship burning in showing my book, this I have done non officiously. N. M.

At this 19/12/71