

Amoy 22nd June 1874.

Dear Sir

I enclose a letter left with me by my Brother Patinck Manson previous to his departure for England. I also enclose a Memo of cost of sundry live stock he purchased by my Brother through Gles & Co in accordance with instructions received from you.

The letter and memo of cost I would have forwarded sooner had I known that you were still in Japan. The loss on the transaction is \$728²⁵. This sum, I have paid to Gles & Co. In common with my Brother I regret exceedingly that he was compelled to withdraw from his agreement and trusting that you will view his situation in the same light as he did. I remain yours very truly.

David Manson

General Legendre.

Council of the 9th March 1865

War, insurrection, or rebellion.

If any British subject commits any of the following offences, that is to say:-

(1) In China, while her Majesty is at peace with the Emperor of China, leaves war or takes part in any expedition of war against the Emperor of China, or aids and abets any person in carrying on war, insurrection, or rebellion against the Emperor of China.

(2) Japan the same.

Every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and on conviction thereof shall be liable (in the discretion of court before which he is convicted) to be punished by imprisonment for any time not exceeding two years, with or without hard labor, and with or without a fine not exceeding 5,000 dollars, or by a fine not exceeding 5,000 dollars without imprisonment.

In addition to such punishment any such conviction shall, of itself, without further

further proceedings, make the person convicted liable to deportation; and the Court before which he is convicted may or do that he be deported from China or Japan to such place as the court director

Memorandum of cost sundry live stock
ac a/c Dr. P. Manson.

Dr.	#	Cr.
To cost of 15 Ponies	\$ 915.	By. net sale of Ponies
" 20 bullocks	350.	\$ 280
" 50 sheeps	440.	" " bullocks
" 80 piculs forage	34.	\$ 320
.. cost of forage for 11 days for ponies etc while waiting orders.	11.75.	" " sheeps
		\$ 440
Int. 1 mo. on \$1750 @ 5%	17.50.	Balance
	<u>\$ 1768.25.</u>	<u>\$ 1768.25.</u>

Balance. \$ 728.25

Received from Dr. D. Manson. the sum of
seven hundred and twenty eight dollars and
twenty five cents - 30th May 1874.

Randan. H. Pye.

N.B. most of the forage was used for the cattle while
waiting orders to the remainder was unsaleable
having got mouldy. R.H.P.

Amoy 19th April 1874.

My Dear General

In consequence of a statement in the Newspaper that Japan had declared war against the Island of Formosa. A statement since confirmed by telegraph, I have given orders that the purchases I made for you through Messrs. & Co. be sold to the next advantage, and beg to withdraw my agreement to accompany you to Pilan.

When I agreed to accompany you I was under the impression that I was to take part in a peaceful mission probably for purposes of discovery and when I bought the cattle etc. I supposed they were in furtherance of such an expedition. But the fact of war having been declared shows me that I am expected to expose the cause of Japan against China and that I have unconsciously been

been acting as commissarial officer
for the former.

Such a position, as soon as I become
aware of it, I must immediately abandon,
as it is unlawful for a British subject
to take part in any war between two
countries both of which are at peace with
his sovereign; if he does take part in
such a war he renders himself liable
to penalties of rather too severe a na-
ture for me to risk. I enclose, for your
information, a copy of an order in
Council affecting my position.

I am already suspected and
have had semi-official warning to be
careful. This I cannot disregard either
as an employer of the Chinese Govt.
or as a British subject. I also fear
if I delay I may not only get myself
into very serious trouble but also
also a thing I am in honour bound
to avoid.

I do not for a moment suppose
that you when you asked me to accom-

pany

pany you to Pilam, were aware of the
dangerous position you led me into.
I am sure you would not-willingly
have exposed ~~me~~ to the penalties
mentioned in the order in Council
I have referred you to, and I am sure
you will consider that I have ample
reason for withdrawing from my agree-
ment honorably.

I regret very much that my hope
of seeing the east coast of Formosa is
again disappointed. I willingly resolved
to sacrifice a great part of perhaps any
being holiday to gratify my desire to
know more about the place. I have
lost a month waiting for the supposed
opportunity and have for the sake of
it disarrangement the plans of years.
You can therefore readily understand
that it is not light pleasure that has
moved me to my present course.

I do not know if I have any
legal claim on you, but I have no
doubt you will . . . me for any

loss

loss there may be on the resale of
bills on purchases.

Though unable to accept
your kind offer I am grateful for
the good opinion you hold of me
implied by your passing it, and
wishing you may succeed in your
careless. I remain

yours truly

Patrick Manson.

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