Provisions here are very good & cheap and as the Chinese are as good Cooks as are in the World, we live more in taste though less Expense than perhaps any body in Rhode Island — I have received a good deal civility from several of the Americans here — particularly from Mr Olmsted Supercargo of the Ontario to whom advice & assistance I have am part very much indebted Capt Page has also been very obliging in his offers — Mr Magee is not yet arrived & from what I can understand here, I do not think it will any detriment to the interests of the Voyage —

About 8 months ago Capt Gardners N West Sloop was here, as none of the Americans present were then here, I can get no absolute information about her from them — There is a report however that she was freighted from Macoa to the Isle of France to return here & on the strength of that, Money was borrowed by way of Bottomree but that she has gone to America from thence, and that Mr Howell who was the principal Agent for the Vessel is now in prison at Macoa. — This in only report, but as there appears some-thing Mysterious in it, I shall send down to Macoa to Mr Howell & learn from him the particulars he would communicate as it may possibly be of some consequence at Home. — Concerning my own affairs I can only mention that I have purchased some silks to the amount of 2000 Dolls & with what I have left, if I can dispose of the bills shall take fine teas & some trifling Articles. — If I cannot dispose of them