New York 26th March 1837

Messrs Wolcott Bates & Co
Shanghai

My dear Sirs

This will be handed to you by Mr Francis Gibbs of this city - who will arrive with you via San Francisco and Oregon, - en route to join Messrs Wolcott Bates & Co Canton. Mr Gibbs has a Brother Mr George Gibbs residing at Oregon - I am in hopes that through this visit a tie may be built up between him and yourself. Mr Francis Gibbs will be able to post you up regarding the trade opening on the Pacific Coast of the United States - a trade which in my opinion will ere long rival that now existing between the Eastern States and the Indies - I shall be pleased if Mr Gibbs has occasion

Yours