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My dear Cousin Francis

When we parted last Spring I was sanguine of soon being again strong and well, my plans all seemed working admirably - I was wielding a large bumps - and the accounts from China were most brilliant, Six months & more have passed since & my health has rather given way than advanced. I sent out my Brothers Partners Mr Mistray to take my place, his first letter I have now received