

91 Arlington Street,  
Newton, Massachusetts  
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My dear Mr. Warner:

I have just received from the Taiping Rubber Estates the enclosed dividend warrant for 0.35 taels, as dividend on the 187 shares in this company. It is too bad that the only result of your transaction with Lemiere should be the paltry sum of 187 1-tael shares in this Rubber Company. You will remember that I told you that I have the shares in my name, although I said I would transfer them to you at any time you wanted; but when I visited you in San Francisco you asked me to still keep them in my name. If you would like to have them transferred to you, please let me know and I will send the share script on to you at once. I have endorsed the dividend warrant to you.

The visit of the Chinese Commercial Commission has given me an opportunity of hearing recent news from China. I went down to New York to be present at the dinner given to the Commission by the American Asiatic Association, and there saw many of our old friends including Joe Patterson, Mr. P. H. Ashmead of the Canton and Hankow Railway, Straight, Menocal, C. D. Jamieson, and other. The Commission also visited Boston, and the Governor of Massachusetts appointed me as his special representative to co-operate with the committee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and to look out for the Commission during their stay in Massachusetts. I enclose you a copy of the commission which the Governor gave me, as it was a most unusual procedure. I met the delegation at Providence, was with them during their stay in Boston, and went with them to Springfield. The Commission made an excellent impression on the business men of Boston, and it is to be hoped that the attention called to the trade of China by their visit may have some good results.

Sam was here last evening for dinner. He is a fine fellow and you and his mother have every reason to be proud of him. He has his last examination yesterday morning, and though he has been working very hard, yet he looked not so tired as I have seen him at other times. He should make a fine record for himself in his profession. He is going to Pawtucket on Monday, and tell me that he expects to be with you on July 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. He is very jubilant over his engagement, and I hope it as pleasant for Mrs. Warner and yourself as for him.

With kindest regards to you both,

Yours as ever,

John C. Ferguson

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