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By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 14th August, 1886.

Sir George Bowen, G.C.M.G., to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

ATHENÆUM CLUB, PALE MALL,

LONDON, 30th June, 1886.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith in original a letter (dated on the 25th instant, addressed to me, as Governor of Hongkong, by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, by Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, the Secretary of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

I request you to communicate a copy of this letter, conveying the gracious sentiments of His Royal Highness to the Committee of the Chinese gentlemen representing the Mercantile Community of that nation in Hongkong.

I have, &c.,

G. F. BOWEN.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of

HONGKONG.

ROYAL COMMISSION, COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION,

SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.,

25th June, 1886.

SIR,—I am directed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to request that you will kindly convey to the Committee of the Chinese gentlemen representing the Mercantile Community of Hongkong the pleasure which it has afforded to His Royal Highness to receive from them the beautiful piece of embroidered silk and accompanying Ode which they have presented to him. His Royal Highness is much gratified to learn, from the words in which they have expressed their sentiments, their loyal feelings of attachment to the British Crown and the British Rule in Hongkong. It will give the Prince of Wales great pleasure to preserve this beautiful specimen of Chinese art in remembrance of the cordial co-operation which the Chinese colonists of Hongkong have given to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition of 1886.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

PHILIP CUNLIFFE-OWEN,
Secretary to the Royal Commission.

To His Excellency

Sir George F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.,

Governor of Hongkong,

ATHENÆUM CLUB.