



Shanghai 25 April 1876

Dear Mr Hart,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your two S.O. letters of the 12th inst.

Many thanks for your generous offer concerning the publication of the map I am forwarding it to Paris by next mail to our common friend Mr le Marquis de Beauvois, membre de la société de Géographie, and much interested in China and Geography. I trust to his friendship for all that may be concerned with the rapid and perfect publication of the work in the best manner possible and with a due respect to expense. I ask also my mother to be there in Paris and survey this work with d. de Beauvois giving me all particulars about it.

I have no doubt that my excellent friend will undertake this task with interest. The process of 'heliography' has attained to a high perfection in France, and however fine may be a character or drawing it may be

brought into light by a slight increase
in size if necessary. I have even
seen microscopic objects most beautifully
engraved by this process in which the
man is the real engraver. I am a
little afraid of the first outlay but I
hope that it will be in great part
if not totally recovered by the sale of the work.

I give my mother the power to advance
funds if necessary and to draw upon me.
I think five hundred copies would be
sufficient; it is a large number but
we must consider that the price of
publication will be in indirect ratio
of the number of copies published &
sold. However I leave to the Marquis
de Beauvoir the power to decrease or increase
this number if he thinks it advisable.
As soon as I have an answer from
him and my mother I will let you
know and when the copies are ready
I will ask you for further information
about the distribution or sale etc.,
as nothing will be done without your
approval of it.

For the paper on the Province
I have shown your letter to Messrs
Holwill and Shalmer. They both accept
the work the latter with enthusiasm,
the former seems a little afraid of
the limit of one year. As he

Knows how much of he in particular
had to do of office work out of office
hours. I can only say the same
though I hope to be ready. However
Mr. Chalmers and me have already brought
our vessels behind us and are at work.
Mr. Holwill will soon be ready now that
he has finished his reports.

We intend to cooperate to the best
of our means; every one of us, abandoning
his personal interests for the sake of the
work, will give to his partner all the
information which he thinks of some
value for the part he has undertaken,
our provinces having been previously
well defined.

We have ordered books from home,
entered in relation with the missionaries,
for procuring books and information and
put each other library at each other
disposal. One of the goods brought
by this "triumvirat littéraire" is emulation
and good example for the Shifoo
community now much divided
by quarrels coteries etc.

I have the honour to be
Yours very truly

A. Fausel