

Via Marseilles

Private

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Banton 13 October 1855

My dear Rathbone,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th August in reply to several of mine, and in relation to credits sent us without their first having been submitted to either our Buley, Muthington & Co or Messrs Gordon I quite agree with your ideas, and it is only in the case of Ducker & Co that we have ever accepted them, & this I only acted upon on account of Arthur Smith, as he seemed to fancy I am too particular in cases where his Brother's funds are interested; business however is business & for the future I am determined never to accept such a credit; even this has annoyed me a good deal but it is acted upon as far as I intend to do.

Affairs here look better, and I hope the Mandarins will keep the Insurgents under, when we shall have a healthy trade here again I hope. Goods & Yarns on the way out will do well I am glad to say.

Teas of common quality you will have plenty of, but good medium to fine kinds are no doubt very short, and should improve in value & I believe they would if it were not for this horrid war.

The banks are doing all they can to force Exchange up but I don't expect to see it over 4/10 or at the highest 4/11.

Yours faithfully
Gordon

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George Urnson

Canterbury 13 October

Received.

Answered 8 November

Credits on many

houses.

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