

this coast down again, and be in Canton this season ; but all this is too uncertain to speculate upon. I have found the Franciscans a brutal set ; but their cupidity is sufficient to effect everything I want of them. They will not give me any information respecting peace or war, but I shall learn all that from their more polite brethren below. I leave this with father Miguel, to be forwarded to Canton by the first ship that may touch here.

Very truly yours,

WM. SHALER.

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