April 28th 1875

Dear Sir,

In obedience to the promise made you some time since, I write to tell you that I am about Sailing on a cruise in Aciatic Waters. Our route may include the Island of Madeira, but of this I can not be certain. We touch at Gibraltar, and other various Mediterranean ports, go through the Suez Canal, down the Red Sea, paying visit both Bombay and Madras (falsely Calcutta), Singapore, and
Batavia and the ports ordinary to the fleet in China by help me—indeed I might pay it would be indispensable.

My services as an ignorant but zealous person are at your disposal. If you give me detailed instructions as to what you wish done, I shall do my best to in your behalf, but I must request exact information.

Our cruise will be of three years duration. From time to time, if my efforts result in abundant success I purpose sending you these results.

A general letter of introduction.

My address is U.S.S. Tennessee Navy Yard Brooklyn N.Y.

Saw, dear Sir, very truly yours

C. F. Goodrich

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