

Raukine

Hong Kong

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My dear Father,

Your welcome

letter of Dec. 18th reached me today and is the first I have received for some time, possibly owing to the break down of the East Pacific mail S.S. which had to put back to Frisco. The papers to which Eva refers in her kind & interesting letter of Dec. 22., also received, have not yet come to hand, but will be delivered I have no doubt before we leave here tomorrow.

2) As regards this business
matter to which you refer!
There is no hurry about the
call on rancho stock. I shall
write to Pugsley in reference
to it from Luez. The payment
for taxes due on Morris Coto
will be made by cheque from
London, together with other sim-
ilar payments for property
in Wyo. Brandon &c. - I am
not aware of any other sim-
ilar matters requiring atten-
tion, but if such are referred
to you the safest and best
way is simply to forward
them, without taking any
responsibility yourself, as
you have been good
enough to do hitherto.

Such news as I had to
offer has I fear been

3/exhausted in a long letter
to Florence, written yesterday.
before receipt of today's
mail. I was luncheon yester-
day with some friends on
shore, and am to dine
today with one or two of the
Surgeons in the Regiment
stationed here, to whom I
had a letter of introduction,
who were good enough to
put me up for the club
where one has access to all
the latest papers & maga-
zines. Generally I am
taking leave of Hong Kong,
as I think it unlikely that
I shall return again on
this route. This morning
I amused myself by laying
in a stock of canary birds,
which are successfully

reared here in large numbers
and sold at a very moderate
price in quaint ~~pretty~~ little
woodenwork cages of Chinese
manufacture. They will make
acceptable presents I hope, & I
only wish it were in my
power to spirit one across to
Montreal where it would I am
sure be much admired - We
are all glad to be back again
in warm climate, after our
very chilly experiences in
Shanghai. The temperature here
during the so called winter months
is delightful.

Give my best love to Mother
& Eva, and remember me
very kindly to all.

Believe me

Ever your affectionate Son

Ganhine