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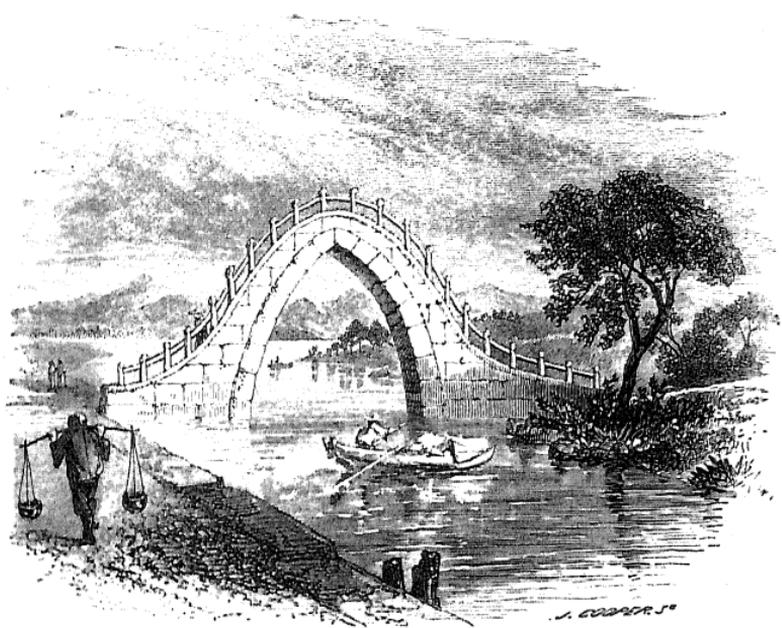
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DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY  
AT PEKING.

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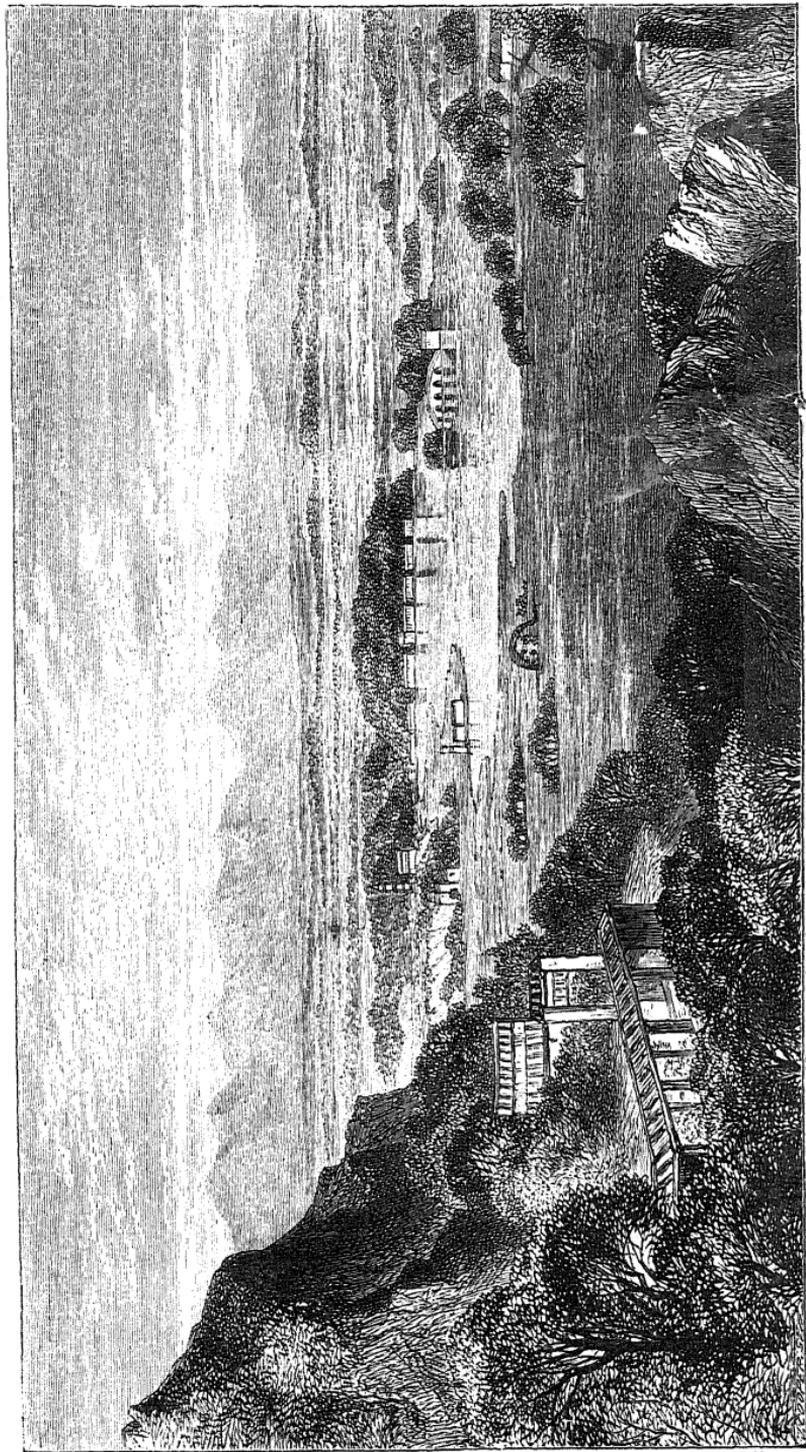
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PALACE OF THE EMPEROR.

PALE OF YUEN-MING-YUEN, FROM THE SHI-SHIL N, OR WEST

Sketches by Geo. Hutch Wyndham.

TO

THE HON. SIR F. W. A. BRUCE, G.C.B.,

LATE HER MAJESTY'S ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY  
AT THE COURT OF PEKING; AND NOW  
H.M. MINISTER AT WASHINGTON.

THE FOLLOWING VOLUMES ARE

Dedicated,

AS A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT FOR

THE ENLIGHTENED AND CONCILIATORY POLICY,

BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF RECOGNIZING RIGHT RATHER THAN MIGHT,

WHICH

HAS CHARACTERIZED HIS ADMINISTRATION AT PEKING;

A POLICY

AUGURING SO FAVOURABLY FOR THE FUTURE OF CHINA, AND WHICH,

HAVING BEEN

MAINLY CONDUCTIVE TO THE EXTINCTION OF THE TAEPING REBELLION,

HAS ALREADY BEEN ATTENDED WITH RESULTS OF THE HIGHEST

IMPORTANCE TO THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY:

ALSO,

IN GRATEFUL RECOLLECTION OF MUCH PERSONAL KINDNESS RECEIVED

BY THE AUTHOR.



## PREFACE.

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A NARRATIVE written in the form in which the following pages are presented to the public, hardly requires any prefatory notice. That which I shall make will, therefore, be very brief, and confined chiefly to the circumstances under which the work was undertaken, and to the causes which have delayed its publication. A few months after Her Majesty's Legation had been established in Peking, a feeling began to be entertained by its members, that, with a view to future publication, some record should be kept of the various incidents which were from day to day occurring, during what may be termed the inaugural period of foreign diplomatic residence at the Capital,—the most important event in the modern history of Anglo-Chinese intercourse. On my mentioning that up to this date I had kept a daily narrative of whatever occurrences of interest had taken place, Sir Frederick Bruce was kind enough to say that I had his full permission to make use of them in the manner proposed. I was therefore