

United States Consulate General,

Shanghai, May 23, 1894

Dear Governor: I was sorry not  
to have seen you this morning  
& left Nanchang. I wanted to re-  
new my thanks for the re-  
facing interest you have al-  
ways shown in my advance-  
ment - and thank you here  
before leaving for this base-  
of the road. My trip was smooth  
and pleasant all the way, and  
I am pleased with my visit.  
Shanghai is a large city, the  
native and foreign popula-  
tion is estimated at a figure  
over 400,000. It is situated on  
a river about 500 yards wide,  
and there are seldom less

than fifty large steamers and  
the steamer and as many as  
three hundred junk, the latter  
averaging 300 tons, while the  
former average about 4000.  
The steamer measure two miles  
in length and follow the course  
of the river, while there is a con-  
siderable row of business houses,  
before and behind, or better  
a half mile long. The river  
front of the city is very pretty,  
the country is level, but a  
mountain now a little high,  
being in view on inviting to the  
traveller as Japan, but the  
steady trade of this port is equal  
to the steady trade of all the ports  
of Japan. My reception has been  
very cordial. I entered upon the  
duties of my office on the 10th and  
most of my time has been taken  
up with official calls. When I have  
more leisure I will write you  
a better letter than this.

I am boarding at the hotel. The  
Hotel House, have a comfortable  
bed room, with private bath  
room attached, and very pretty  
view across the river. I feel  
that I can save some money and  
I intend to do so. I believe that  
all this and more.  
From Genoa House. Although his  
death has subjected the American  
name must have touched the  
heart of our people, for he loved the  
land and the steady progress in his  
loyalty to the interest. I am aw-  
fully sorry to know the name of his suc-  
cessor. I feel that you would  
like to appoint Jervis. He rep-  
resents many of the qualities  
that pleased him so near the  
people, and there is no fear in  
the hands of his timber.  
Remember me kindly to Mr. Carr,  
and always be assured of the  
fond wishes of your friend,  
W. Jervis