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Hong Kong, 10th May, 79

Hoppins
Messrs Forbes, ~~Hopkins~~ and
Kiswick: Committee

Gentlemen:

I am just

this moment - 4³⁰ pm -
but in possession of your
note of this date informing
me that the Committee of ar-
rangements for the Garden
party to be given this evening
have appointed you a special
Committee to notify me
that in account of the
threatening bad weather they

propose to postpone the
party until Monday
evening - the 12th - and ask
me to accept for that evening.
I am sorry to say that my
arrangements for leaving
here on Monday morning
are such that I do not
feel justified in making
any delay beyond that
date. Answers have been
^{sent} to inquiries as to the
date of my arrival
at Shanghai, and there
or there other points in
expect to touch by the way.

I regret not meeting, in a social way,
the citizens of Hongkong who have been
kind enough to give me this invitation.
As I hope I may meet each and all, if
not together, separately, at a later day in
some part of the world.

I am, with M. respects,
Yours obt. Servt.

W. A. Brown