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I am. My dear Mr. Mathieson, Ever yours affectionately, J. L. MAXWELL.

## LETTER FROM THE REV. WILLIAM McGREGOR.

Amov, 20th May, 1865.

MY DEAR MR. MATHIESON, - Other letters from members of the Mission will circulation about the crucities of the Taihave informed you that to-day Mr. Douglas and Dr. Maxwell leave for Formosa, the interruption of mission work in the interior from Mandarin sources, and thence through having hastened Dr. Maxwell's departure the foreign custom-house pass into circulafor his future field of labour. I am sure the reception they met with during their quite unfounded. For example, it wa last visit was such as to lead us to hope reported that the Taipings left Chang Chew

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