

For His Excellency's Decision.

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Mr. J. Fleming, Canton Island.

- (a) Mr. Fleming very worried about -
- (1) How his wife is to reach him,
 - (2) When he is to be relieved,
 - (3) When the next ship will visit him,
 - (4) His position on the island now that the British representative is so dwarfed by the American interests.
- (b) He struck me as distinctly nervy and over-strung as compared with my last visit in January. He has no one to consult with from day to day. The boy I stationed with him last January refused to remain owing to Mr. Fleming's moodiness and temper. I would respectfully suggest that -
- (1) His wife should be sent to him immediately, or
 - (2) He should be transferred.
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