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Please give Mr. Perkins

best
greetings.

My dearest Mrs. Varner,

How can I ever thank you
enough for your lovely letter &
the degree. It is really wonderful
of you to take such a warm
interest in Goltrey, & I hope to
pray he will prove to you
some day that your interest
was not misplaced. He is
working well & keeping well,

for which I am devoutly thankful.
The weather has been beautiful
these last few days, real spring at
last, & spring is so glorious here
with lovely birds singing, with daffodils
& hyacinths & pansies & the exquisitely
fresh green on shrubs & trees. All so
different from the dust storms of Peking
which generally are worst in spring
& choke the blossoms in one day.
Unluckily Peking has had such a
wretched lucky spring this year
My husband writes quite cheerfully

in spite of the trying weather, but
it keeps him indoors & he must
be so tired of always seeing the same
walls. I quite agree with you about
his collection & thought all along
it would have been wiser to let it
be split up. So far he won't hear of
that, but if by ~~any means~~ Mr. Furman
is still unsuccessful, he may
have to change his mind & allow
the collection to be sold piecemeal.
As far as I could see while at Los
Angeles, Dr. Furman was & is doing his
best to effect a sale, but he

hasn't enough influence & there is not
enough interest in Chinese art among
the wealthy citizens of Los Angeles to
make the matter an easy one.
Let us hope for the best though, the
more so as the delay is worrying
my husband a good deal.

I expect you'll have a lovely
summer as wherever you go you
bring a flood of sunshine
with you.

With ever so much love from us
both & ever so many thanks

Yours affectionately
& gratefully

Alexander G. Bennett.