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P.O.Box 1638.

Mrs. G. B. Warner,
Art Museum,
Eugene, Ore.

Dear Madam:-

I am writing ~~for~~ for Mr. Ray C. Pierce, Marne, Michigan.

Mr. Pierce and myself lived together in China, (Peking), in 1916-18. He is an experienced dealer in art and has been connected with Wood, Edey and Slater, New York, for many years and made many trips abroad for them. This firm is not now in existence.

He made many expeditions in the interior of China and together we made a sedan chair and junk trip for over fifteen hundred miles in South Western China. In 1918 he made a trip from Peking to Jehol, the former imperial capital, going horse back with a small caravan of pack animals and servants., and he remained in Jehol about two weeks.

He acquired there two very valuable and rare Chinese Imperial Robes and in very good condition indeed. There is no doubt at all that these are genuine and very rare. He got them for his own collection but is now willing to sell them if he can get a fair percentage of their real value.

I cannot describe them with any accuracy but one is a royal imperial yellow with all the imperial insignia on it, including a dragon with the right number of claws, the imperial acorn and many others. I have no doubt at all that an expert would pronounce them genuine. Mr. Pierce is of the opinion there are only a very few of such robes in existence and only knows of two, one in the Metropolitan Museum, New York and one in the British Museum London.

If you are interested, or know any body who might be, please write me P.O. Box 1038, Medofrd Oregon.

These robes would round out your collection at Eugene, as both are museum pieces and I hope to have the pleasure of visiting there soon.

Sincerely yours,

F. C. Hitchcock
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Not buying addition for the museum

