San Juanito Manilla
March 4th 1858

My dear Foote

Our association afloat on duty, has been very short, but has been rendered by you so agreeable that I could wish it longer, but that the wish would be scarcely generous as you leave the arid ~~[illegible]~~ shores of China for happy old Connecticut and your family and friends

I wish you with all my heart a happy reunion with them, and trust that your good Ship in which you have so long and so faithfully served, may prove true to you to the last

My kindest regards & remembrance to your family and believe me

very sincerely your friend
Josiah Tattnall
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