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advantage to the crew, and the comfort of life
might be easily conveyed to them.

The Society will be happy to learn that I and
my colleagues have been preserved in safety here
nearly twelve months, and that we are under
no apprehension at present of personal danger.
There has been an unhappy dispute between
the crews of the Brig Tial and the Schooner Brothers
and the natives, while the vessels were near Mercury
Bay; but we do not feel ourselves the least
alarmed on that account. From my knowledge
of the Captain of the Tial was always afraid
he would make some great blunder. He came
out with me as a passenger in the God Speed.
He was an unskillful man to go amongst
natives.

Our friend Shung hee is strongly attached
to our interests. Whenever he hears of strong
parties paying us a visit he is soon to bring
his men for our protection. His residence is