

T. Y. KING

DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF CHINESE CURIOS
& WORKS OF ART

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"TYKING SHANGHAI"

202 Canton Road

Tel. 18978

Shanghai, 31st March, 1948.
(China)

Mr. H. F. Bowker,
1716 Gouldin Road,
Oakland 11, California,
U. S. A.

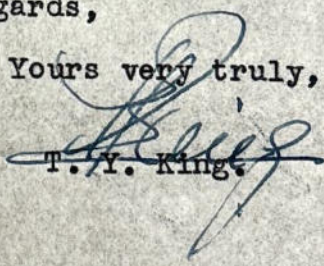
Dear Mr. Bowcker,

I must apologize for delaying in answering your letter of February 28th, as it takes a little time to clarify the matter with Mr. Wong. It happens that he has either mislaid or sold the coin shown in the rubbing, and he was anxious to do business with your goodself, so he sent another one which he thinks to be equally good, he now promised me that, if he happen to have another one of the similar design, he will let you have it.

I return you herewith the rubbings, and hope the above explanation is satisfactory. I quite understand that you are not lodging a complaint, but for honest business, it is advisable to find out the reason from the seller, Mr. Wong.

With my best regards,

Yours very truly,


T. Y. King

1716 Gouldin Road
Oakland 11, Calif.

28 February 1948

Mr. T. Y. King
202 Canton Road
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. King:

I appreciate very much your interest in the matter of the substitution of another specimen for the one for which Mr. Wong furnished rubbings, and as per your request I am returning herewith the original rubbing together with a rubbing of both sides of the coin which was supplied. It is perfectly obvious that the coin offered had the same design on the obverse as on the reverse. Of course I did not believe that such a coin existed, and suppose that perhaps by mistake the obverses of two different coins were used in making his rubbing. It is also obvious that the obverse of the coin supplied is not ~~taken from~~ the same as either of the rubbings furnished. I would greatly appreciate your returning the rubbing which was supplied by Mr. Wong and which is attached hereto when it has served its purpose, as I should like to retain it in my collection of rubbings.

I believe you fully understand that I am not registering a complaint either with you or Mr. Wong in this matter, but would nevertheless be interested to know just what the facts of the case are.

Again thanking you for your interest in the matter and hoping to hear from you at any time that you may have Chinese coins for disposal, I remain

Yours very truly,

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Shanghai, 20th Feb., 1948.
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Mr. H. F. Bowker,
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Dear Mr. Bowker,

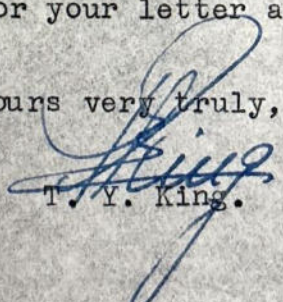
I am in receipt of your letter of
February 11th, and am pleased that Mr. Buccelli has
forwarded the coin to you.

I regret very much to learn from your
letter that the coin was not the one coincident with
the rubbing supplied by Mr. Wong to Mr. Smith. On
account of not being possessed of a duplicate copy
of the rubbing, I could not detect difference, but
I should be pleased to take up the matter with Mr. Wong
for clarification, if you will kindly send me the rubbings
originally submitted by Mr. Wong and the rubbing of the
coin which was sent to you. I think that Mr. Wong's
attention should be called, even you do not wish to lodge
a complaint, as I think that the mistake might be
accidental.

I will try to find from my stock whether
there are any coins especially issue of Wang Mang
suitable for your collection, if so, I will prepare
some rubbings to send you.

Thanking you for your letter and the
information,

Yours very truly,


T. Y. King.

106 Gouldin Road
Oakland 11, Calif.

11 February 1948

Mr. T. Y. King
202 Canton Road
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. King:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 17 January, and I am now pleased to report that I have received the coin which you procured for me from Mr. Wong and which was forwarded to me by Mr. Buccelli.

I am very appreciative of your having acted for me in this matter, even tho the net results of the deal are unsatisfactory I know that you are in no way responsible. However, I feel it due you to tell you in full regarding the matter as I think you should be informed.

The coin sent to me is not the one from which rubbings were supplied by Mr. Wong to Mr. Smith, thru whom I learned of the matter originally. The rubbing showed BOTH Reverse and obverse to be of the type as figured in the right-hand illustration under number 87 of Tsiang's "Illustrations of Chinese Gold Silver and Nickel Coins". Of course I did not suppose that such a specimen actually existed, but as I did not have a satisfactory specimen of this coin I was willing to take a chance of obtaining such a specimen and perhaps getting only the regular variety with different obverse and reverse designs. However I now find that the specimen sent is not that from which either of the rubbings of the two obverses were taken but an entirely different specimen. This is readily determined by the Chinese chops which appear on both sides.

I am giving you this information, not in the way of a complaint, but just in order that you may be informed that Mr. Wong has substituted another coin for the ones from which rubbings were taken which he sent out when offering the coin for sale.

I am glad to know of your business in oriental curios and that occasionally you have old coins for sale. However, my requirements are so many that it is difficult to place a want list with you. I would much prefer it if you could arrange to send rubbings of coins you have for sale, as I am interested in everything in the way of Chinese coins. Just now I should like to obtain good

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Dear Mr. Bowker,

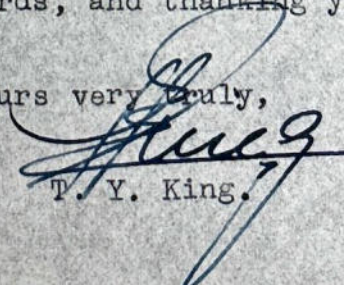
I was very pleased to receive your letter of January 6th, informing me that your friend, Mr. A Buccelli, of U. S. Navy will call for the coin. I regret very much that I have not been able to send it to you before on account of our Government prohibition of sending silver articles out of the country. However, it is a pleasure to be of service to you in purchasing the coin for you.

Mr. Buccelli called here today and took the above mentioned silver coin. I trust that he will forward the same to you. I shall be pleased if you will kindly advise when you received the coin in a good condition.

I take this opportunity to inform you that I am dealing exclusively in Chinese works of art, although I carry a small amount of old coins in stock. In case you are interested in any particular kind of coins, please let me know and I will send you some rubbings of the kind you require, providing the same is available.

With my best regards, and thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours very truly,


T. Y. King.

1716 Gouldin Road
Oakland 11, Calif.

6 January 1948

Mr. T. Y. King
202 Canton Road,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. King:

Supplementing my letter of the 26th of December regarding the forwarding of the coin which you so kindly procured for me, it is requested that you turn it over to Mr. A. Buccelli, of the U. S. Navy, who will call upon you shortly to receive it.

At the time I last wrote I did not have a correspondent who could take delivery of it for me, but have since obtained his name thru a fellow numismatist, thru whom arrangements with Mr. Buccelli are being made.

Thanking you again for your efforts in my behalf, and assuring that I will be only too pleased to reimburse you if you have incurred any expenses on my behalf, I remain

Yours very truly,

H.F. Bowker

A. Buccelli
Shanghai

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1716 Gouldin Road
Oakland 11, Calif.

26 December 1947

Mr. T. Y. King,
102 Canton Road,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Mr. King:

I am very pleased to have your letter of the 18th telling me of your success in obtaining the silver coin for me. I am very appreciative of your efforts on my behalf, and only hope that I may be able to reciprocate in some degree in the future.

Unfortunately I do not know anyone there in Shanghai at the present time who might be coming to the United States who might bring the coin to me. The only person I am acquainted with there who might know of a way to get it forwarded is Mr. Kalgan Shih, Room 401, 246 Kiangsi Road, Shanghai, with whom I have no doubt you are well acquainted, but as I have not been favored with a letter from him for several months, I do not know whether he would undertake to get the coin to me or not. As the element of time is of no particular consequence, perhaps you might retain the coin there with you until Mr. Smith returns to America.

However, if it is your best judgement that it might be forwarded safely via Hong Kong, I have no particular objections to your doing so.

I am afraid that my request for your intervention in this matter has caused you a great deal more trouble than I anticipated when I made my request, in which case I am very sorry. However, it is very much appreciated and I trust that I can be of some assistance to you some time.

I note by your letter head that you deal in Chinese coins and other curios. If you have anything in the line of the bronze and copper coins of China, particularly the very early ones which could be safely sent thru the mails, I would greatly appreciate receiving rubbings of what you have to offer. Perhaps we might be able to do a little business together.

Thanking you for everything and extending the season's greetings, I remain

Yours very truly,

H.F. Bowker

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Shanghai, 18th Dec., 1947.
(China)

Mr. H. F. Bowker,
1716 Gouldin Road,
Oakland 11, California,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Bowker,

I am in receipt of your letter of December 9th, and thank you for the enclosed cheque for US\$30.00 in the payment for the silver coin specified in your letter.

I have succeeded in purchasing the desired coin from Mr. Wang for US\$30.00, and I have now kept it here until I have received your instruction as to how it may be sent to you.

No doubt you are aware that the silver coin is forbidden from sending out this country, and besides, it is too small to be sent in a post box.

I just wonder whether you know any friend here, who could help bringing the coin to you, or you know a better way of sending it. If not, I will try to ask my friend to take it to Hong Kong, and send it from that port. However, I will wait for your advise before sending it to Hong Kong.

Mr. Wang remembers you very well and desires me to send you his best regards.

With seasonal greetings,

Yours sincerely,

T. Y. King

716 Gouldin Road
Oakland 11, Calif.

9 December 1947

Mr. T.Y.King,
202 Canton Road,
Shanghai, China.

Dear Sir:

Our mutual friend, Mr. Ward Smith of Peiping, has sent me rubbings of 3 silver Chinese dollars which are available there in Shanghai from Mr. Wang.

While I have very satisfactory specimens of two of them, numbers 1 and 2, I should like to purchase the specimen marked "3". This rubbing is marked , and is the one with the T border with crossed Chinese brushes on it. However, I consider the price asked, \$40US, as excessive. I would offer US\$30 for this specimen, it being heavily cut up with Chinese chops, judging from the rubbing sent. It is noted that this specimen is priced the same as the much better specimen of the other variety, of which incidently I purchased a very fine specimen in London a short time ago for 5/0/0, or about US\$20. I am making the offer of \$30 for this specimen, because I know that Chinese coins bring higher prices in China than they do in this country of England.

It is presumed that arrangements can be made to send the coin via registered mail to me at the above address. I am taking this opportunity to communicate direct with you rather than through Mr. Smith in Peiping, because of the much longer time it will take to get through to you via that city.

I am enclosing herewith my personal check for \$30US, which I have no doubt you will be able to negotiate there at a favorable rate. If the offer of \$30 is not acceptable to Mr. Wang, please return the check. However, if the coin can be obtained at a slightly higher price, I will send you the difference if you will close the deal for me. However, I believe that \$30 is a good high price for this coin in this condition, and I believe that Mr. Wang will think so too.

Please convey my regards to Mr. Wang, whom I met in Shanghai in 1939, at which time I was in the Navy and purchased a set of rubbings of silver coins and a few coins from him. Perhaps he will recall me.

Yours sincerely,

H.F.Bowker