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The Government of India having signified a desire to send a small Mission into Yün Nan, a passport was obtained last summer by the British Legation from the Chinese Government, to enable four officers and gentlemen, with their followers, to cross the frontier from the Burmese side. Mr. MARGARY, a young member of the China Consular Service, of great promise, was sent with a separate passport to meet the above Mission, which had been placed under the leadership of Colonel HORACE BROWNE. Having joined Colonel BROWNE at Bhamo, the Mission had entered China, and was but a short distance from Manwyne, when Mr. MARGARY pushed on to that town. He had passed a week in it on his journey southward. At Manwyne, according to testimony too strong to be doubted, he was murdered on the 21st February. An attack was made on the following morning on Colonel BROWNE'S party, which, however, after a sharp struggle, was enabled to draw off without serious loss.

Mr. MARGARY in compliance with his instructions kept a journal, and the portion of it which records his experiences as far as Ta-li Fu has happily been saved. There are various gaps in it, to be explained probably by the fact that he suffered from time to time seriously in health. The remainder was too probably with him when he was murdered.

Believing that, their interest on other grounds apart, Mr. MARGARY'S notes will be regarded as an acceptable souvenir by the many who knew his merits and lament his cruel fate, Her Majesty's Minister has sanctioned their publication.

For completeness sake, an Itinerary has been appended to the journal.

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DATE & HOUR OF ARRIVAL.		PLACE.	DISTANCE (IN LI) FROM PREVIOUS PLACE.
Sept.		Hankow :—	
4	3.30 P.M.	昌武 Wu-ch'ang .....	20
5	2 P.M.	口金 Chin-k'ou .....	—
„	Evening	腦瓜冬 Tung-kua-nao.....	105 (from Wu-ch'ang.)
6	—	洲籊 P'ai Chou.....	45
7	12.30	擺划小 Hsiao-hua-pai ....	45
8	Evening	洲心胡 Hu-hsin Chou ....	60
9	Evening	口溪六 Lu-ch'i-k'ou .....	60
11	—	堤新 Hsin-t'i.....	60
„	Evening	山螺 Lo-shan .....	45
.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Evening	山君 Chün-shan.....	—
21	Evening	— Nan-chai.....	180
22	—	— Ni-hsin-t'ang .....	60
„	Evening	— Yin-ho Hsiang....	40
23	11 A.M.	縣陽龍 Lung-yang Hsien	—
„	3.30 P.M.	— Liao-ya-tsui.....	70 from Yin-ho Hsiang.
24	6 P.M.	— Shih-ma P'u.....	40
25	Evening	府德常 Ch'ang-té Fu.....	20
27	3 P.M.	— Ta-ch'i-k'ou.....	20
28	2 P.M.	縣源桃 T'ao-yuen Hsien...	70
„	—	渡馬白 Pai-ma Tu.....	20
„	Evening	— Shui-ch'i.....	5
29	Evening	— (Small village.)	—
30	Evening	— (Small village.)	—

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Oct.			
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	35
3	7 P.M.	府州辰 Ch'ên-chou Fu...	70
4	_____	溪瀘 Lu-ch'i .....	_____
5	5 P.M.	_____ Pu-shih .....	_____
6	7 A.M.	縣谿辰 Ch'ên-chi Hsien...	_____
.....	.....	.....	.....
27	5 P.M.	府遠鎮 Chên-yuen Fu.....	_____
28	_____	_____	_____
29	_____	縣秉施 Shih-ping Hsien...	12
„	Evening	_____	_____
30	_____	_____ Hsin-chou.....	30
31	Evening	洞風大 Ta-fêng-tung .....	_____
Nov.			
1	10 A.M.	縣平清 Ch'ing-p'ing Hsien	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	縣定貴 Kuei-ting Hsien...	45
4	6 P.M.	縣里龍 Lung-li Hsien ....	75
5	_____	府陽貴 Kuei-yang Fu ....	_____
8	_____	縣鎮清 Ch'ing-chên Hsien	69
9	_____	縣溪清 Ch'ing-ch'i Hsien.	62
10	6 P.M.	府順安 An-shun Fu .....	80
11	_____	州寧鎮 Chên-ning Chou...	60
„	_____	_____ Huang-kuo-su ....	25
12	_____	_____	50
13	_____	廳岱郎 Lang-tai T'ing ....	60
14	_____	_____ Mè-k'ou .....	Short stage.



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Nov.			
15	—	Hua-king .....	35
16	—	—	—
17	—	Yang-shun .....	—
18	—	廳安普 P'u-an T'ing.....	40
19	—	—	—
20	—	縣彛平 P'ing-i Hsien .....	—
21	—	白水 Pai-shui .....	—
22	—	Hai-tzŭ P'u.....	Half way to Chan-i Chou.
”	—	州益霑 Chan-i Chou .....	—
23	—	州龍馬 Ma-lung Chou.....	—
24	—	Pai-tzŭ P'u .....	40
”	—	司隆易 I-lung Ssu .....	40
25	—	林楊 Yang-lin.....	75
26	—	橋板 Pan-ch'iao .....	—
27	Noon	府南雲 Yun-nan Fu.....	105 from Yang-lin.
.....		.....	.....
Dec.			
2	—	口鷄碧 Pi-chi K'ou.....	35
3	—	州寧安 An-ning Chou.....	40
4	—	關鴉老 Lao-ya Kuan.....	70
5	—	縣豐祿 Lu-fêng Hsien.....	75
6	—	資捨 Shê-tzŭ .....	90

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Dec.			
7	_____	縣通廣 Kuang-t'ung Hsien	_____
8	_____	站腰 Yao-chan .....	_____
„	_____	府雄楚 Ch'u-hsiung Fu ....	_____
9	_____	州南鎮 Chên-nan Chou ....	95
10	_____	_____ Sha-ch'iao .....	35
11	_____	_____ Lien-p'êng .....	95
Four more stages to Ta-li Fu.			