

Southsea 20 March 1890 -

My dear Hilton

I am not receiving letters
from Chefoo that are pleasing me and
am getting rather uncertain
as to what I am to do ~~about~~
~~do and~~ I venture to write to you for
your advice and assistance, W W R
is not making me remittances
such as I was expecting and I am
in difficulties. His last letters
promise a good balance and
report a good year all round

and although Wake says money
is tight generally and business
not plentiful he adds he
cannot remit me money
so that he sets me thinking
whether I should not go out
to Chefoo & see see what Wake
is doing & whether it would
not be better for me to remain
there a few months this summer
and make other arrange-
ments with Mr. Wake and
I write to ask you with a desire

me some money to pay
mine & my wife's passage from
London to chefoo via Marseilles
by French Mail - I request
you to let me have £400 -
against my draft on Messrs.
Pergaud & Co. for that amt.
and to pay it by sending
me a cheque for that sum.

I would come and see you
on your consent. Please
write and say you wish to
do. - I am in very great
trouble

and I appeal to you as one
of my best friends for help.

My business of July is still
worth a good annual amount

of money. I hope you will help
me. Yours sincerely

W. J. Ferguson

Mrs Fergussons correspondence
re Mr Wake

"Oxus" Letter—

Wilkinson's letter to Wake
of 1890