



MR. CHINA AFTER THE BOMBARDMENT OF FOOCHOW.

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Ever since their conquest of China, the Manchu rulers did not prove themselves to be the best—all through the nineteenth century the dynasty was in a state of decline. The first Opium War (1839-42), the Anglo-French War (1856-58), the Sino-Japanese War (1894-95) and the Boxer Rebellion (1900) all resulted in defeats for China and the granting of concessions to Western powers. The image of the Emperor in these sketches is well introduced—arrogant but weak vis-à-vis Western powers. With his head down and his right hand holding a crutch instead of a sword and rifle, his capitulation following Fuchow's bombardment in August 1884, is self evident.