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Dear Mr McLaren,

Here are the Chinese characters for gunpowder.

火 (huǒ) 藥 (yào). Huǒ alone means fire, yào alone means medicine, or a prescription.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

Beth McKillop

(Research assistant, Chinese section)

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