

Yokohama, Aug. 15, 1874

Henry Hart Esq.
Special Agent
P. M. S. S. Co.
Dear Sir.

I Okuma Shigenobu,
Minister of Finance for the Imperial
Government of Japan, having pur-
chased the P. M. S. S. Co's steamer
'New York', hereby engaged, that
should the said Japanese government
ever wish to dispose of the above named
ship, the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co.,
shall have the refusal of her, at
whatever price, we are willing to sell
her at. The object of this being that
she may not get into the hands of
Foreigners to be run in opposition
to the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co.

大隈 殿ヨリ 大平洋郵船會社 目代宛
ニウヨーク船買収付證書

Tokio, August 18th 1874.

To His Excellency
Okuma Shigenobu
Sir.

I beg to acknowledge receipt
of your very flattering letter of yester-
day's date, wherein you inform me
the government of H. J. Masty highly
appreciate my faithful services in
connection with the purchase of five
steamers, also for the quick voyages
I made between Nagasaki and the
aboriginal part of Formosa. I can
assure your Excellency that it is a
source of the greatest satisfaction
to me to feel that my small services
have been appreciated, and the letter
alone would have more than repaid
me for any little trouble I may have
had, but when that letter is accom-
panied by a present of three thousand

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gens, I fail in words to express my feelings, and can only sincerely thank your Excellency and assure you that as a servant of H. M. Majesty's government the interest of that government alone will ever be my constant study in any matters I may be connected with.

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant.
A. A. Brown.

August 22nd 1874.

G. Hirai Esq,
Foreign office (Gaimusho)
Tokio

Sir

I beg to inform you that the Company Agents in Hong Kong writes me that there is a Spail Screw, and Screw shaft belonging to the "Madras" in that Port, and that they will be sent here for delivery to you by an early opportunity.

I have received a telegram from the Directors of this Company that they would deliver the "Candia" in China or Japan under guarantee of purchase for \$125,000 and they add she was recently employed on Ashantee expedition, a fine transport. I enclose the particulars of this vessel.

The company's Agent in Hong-Kong informs me that the "Massilia" could leave for Foochow when she was likely

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