

Cochi

May it please Your Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's dispatch from Cochi under date of December 31<sup>st</sup> 1874 stating that the Imperial Government had awarded me the sum of one hundred yens in consideration of the books of charts which I presented to the Foreign office, previous to my departure from Cochi.

I trust your Excellency will convey my humble thanks to the Imperial Government for their great liberality to me, not only in this instance, but also for the other magnificent presents which I have received here in Nagasaki by the hands of Captain Hayashi and Mr. J. Yokohama.

Trusting that the honorable peace which the admirable diplomacy of your Excellency has won from the court of Peking, may be a lasting one and conducive to the happiness and future greatness of the Japanese Empire.

I have the honour to be,

with profound respect

Your Excellency's most obedient servant

Alfred Roper.

Speech of general Le Gendre at the dinner at the Yen-ri-Kwan  
January 9<sup>th</sup> 1875.

The Formosa difficulty has been the means of the opening to both the Army and Navy of Japan, a field for distinction, which, considering their great distance from their base at which they had to operate and the mighty difficulties and untold sufferings which they encountered stands unequalled in the history of the Empire. During five months of heroic efforts, they thus prepared the way for a triumph for their flag, which the people at home, with unshaken loyalty, and their Government with immovable firmness in dealing with either blind or hostile interferences and with skilful diplomacy

finally achieved. But now that the sword has  
 been sheathed that quiet security and happiness  
 once more reigns over the land, let us enjoy these  
 blessings by devoting all our energies to the less  
 exciting but not less glorious avocation of peace  
 and joining here together, with an enthusiastic ap-  
 preciation of a part which is so dear to us, and  
 which our souls yearning towards the bright future  
 which we see before us, permit me to propose His  
 Majesty's health.

10 January

My dear Mr. Hirai

I beg to hand you herewith one of the  
 articles alluded to in our conversation with Mr. Saigo  
 yesterday would you kindly hand the same to  
 Mr. Okuma with request to communicate the same  
 to the Prime Minister who, as you know is ex-  
 pected the desire to read it. Next mail expected to  
 arrive at the end of the present month will

bring a more ~~exact~~ detailed account of  
 Mr. Okuma's negotiations

Very truly yours

Ch. W. Le Gendre.

Cebu January 13<sup>th</sup> 1875

Sentiments given at dinner at 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

Heretofore no one has ever doubted the personal  
 bravery of the Japanese and fresh illustration  
 of their high courage has occurred in the efforts  
 of both the army and the navy during the late  
 expedition, which had for its just aim and  
 purpose vindication of the national honour  
 and the redress of outrage committed against  
 its hardy manures by the voyages of Formosa

Hereafter no one be able to question  
 the possession in an equal degree of highest  
 order of civil capacity and diplomatic skill  
 in state of affairs of great moment and difficult  
 character for this is exemplified in the  
 negotiations