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His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu
Minister of Finance

Sir

In accordance with your permission, I have to-day visited the Government Foundry at Yokohama, and would report that I find every facility for the construction of my invention.

I did not find any "Steam Launch" but was informed by the persons in charge of the Foundry, that at the Yokosuka Foundry there are some, which will probably answer the purpose, for the proposed trial of the invention.

To proceed without delay, I shall now require the following.

First - An order to proceed with the construction of the invention, at the Yokohama Foundry.

Second - A Steam Launch, either from Yokosuka, or a purchase of one, suitable for the purpose.

Third - An order upon the Telegraph Department, of the Robusho, for Electric Materials.

Awaiting your instructions.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant
E. S. Boynton

