

Tokio Dec 12th 1874

His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu
Minister of Finance

I would respectfully inform the Imperial Government of Japan, that I have been authorized by the special agents of Foreign Government to negotiate the sale of several Batteries of "Krupps Pruch Loading Cannon",

That Government having decided to increase the calibre of their Field Batteries, will dispose of those now in use provided they receive such proposals for the purchase of them as shall be approved.

As these Batteries can only be sold to a Government at peace, any proposals at other times cannot be accepted.

I therefore respectfully solicit from this Government a proposal for such an amount of Batteries as they may require.

The Batteries are in perfect order, and ready for a campaign.

I enclose a memorandum of Batteries in detail for your reference.

Very respectfully submitted

Your obedient servant
E. S. Baynton

Memorandum of Batteries and Ammunition
for sale by E. S. Dyer

120 Batteries of 6 Guns each, 8 pound, "Krieff's
system, Breech Loading" each Battery consisting

of 6 Guns and Carriages

3 Ammunition Wagons

3 Wagons for Provisions

1 Portable Forge

108 Leather Cases for Powder Provisions and Tools, for
shoeing Horses, making repairs in Wood and Iron
Medical comforts for Men and Horses, Money
and papers,

624 Grenades

240 Shrapnell (without explosive charge)

78 Grape Cartridges

1080 Cartridge Cases, Lanyards and equipments,

48 Ten pound, same system, with
25000 Projectiles with Fuse

18 Eighteen pound, same system, with
25000 Projectile, with Fuse

Any amount of Cartridges, to order, ready
for delivery, at market prices, at time of order
130,000 Muzzle Rifles, as adopted by the
Austrian Government, at a low price

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Menu: of Price -

Batteries ^{6 guns} 8th \$35000.

10th. Kurph \$2500. each

18th \$2500

Delivered in Yeddo

私儀今般一外國政府ノ特別代理人ヨリ「クリエ
ツ」後込ノ大砲數「バツテリ」賣拂ノ事ヲ委任
被致候旨謹ンテ日本皇帝政府へ申上候

右外國政府者其野戰「バツテリ」ノ口径ヲ更ニ
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謹言

千八百七十四年十二月
十二日東京ニ於テ

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「ホイニトシ」ノ賣拂候「バツテリ」及ビ
附属軍用品ノ覚書

一 大砲六門ツ、ノ「バツテリ」百二十箇

但シ其大砲ハ「ハポンド」ニシテ「クリュッ
ノ後込メ砲ナリ

右一「バツテリ」ノ諸品ハ左ノ如シ

一 大砲及ビ車臺 六

一 彈藥車 三

一 輜重車 三

一 運送スヘキ鑄造具 一

一 火藥兵糧入レノ革箱馬背ヲ造リ並ニ木器
及ビ鉄器ヲ修覆スル道具ヲ入ル、革箱人
馬ノ手当テ藥ヲ入ル、革箱貨幣紙類ヲ入
ル、革箱百八

一 グレナード 六百二十四

一 スラプ子ル(但シ破裂裝藥ナシ) 二百四十

一 葡萄彈ノ銃包 七十八

一 銃包入 千八十

一 十「ポンド」ノ「グリュッブ」砲 四十八門

但シ右附属品ハ左ノ如シ

一 火管附キノ彈丸 二万五千

一 十八^{ポンド}ノ^{クリエツプ}砲 十八門

但シ其附属品ハ左ノ如シ

一 火管附キノ彈丸 二万五千

一 其外銃包ハ注文次第通價ニテ引渡可申

事

一 墾地利政府ノ採用セル^{ウエンゼル}銃條
銃十三万挺

但シ廉價ニテ賣拂可申事

千八百七十四年十二月十二日東京ニ於テ

直段書

八「ホ」ン「ト」ノ大砲六門ノ「バ」ツ「テ」リ「」

三萬五千弗

十「ホ」ン「ト」ノ「ク」リ「ユ」ツ「プ」砲

二「千」五「百」弗

十八「ホ」ン「ト」ノ「ク」リ「ユ」ツ「プ」砲

三「千」五「百」弗

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