

Yedo July 25<sup>th</sup> 1874

Sir.

The Pacific Mail company do not offer their steamers in the market for sale and they have no price to give to any enquiries, but from information I have from New York I believe the agent here would accept an offer from your Government for one of them. The Nevada is here, the New York will be here Friday, and the Golden Age Tuesday next.

If you wish to submit an offer, I can come to your place with the Agent. I believe an offer of \$250,000 for the Golden Age - \$275,000 for the New York or Nevada would be accepted. Such steamers cost about \$500,000 to build.

Any further information I can give your excellency about these

To Okuma Shigenobu.  
Okura-Kiyo.

steamers I shall be happy to give,  
and I believe one of these steamers would  
be more suitable for a transport for your  
Government than can be found for  
the above sum.

Any services I may render  
you in connection with steamer will  
be free of commissions.

Most Respectfully and Faithfully yours  
J. M. Batchelder

In Japan

Acantha - an Iron Screw Boat  
of 652 Tons - 150 Horse Power - Price 115,000\$

Kiangtze - a Wood-Side Wheel Steamer  
of 600 Tons - 100 Horse Power - Price 100,000\$

Side Wheel Steamer built of wood -  
2100 Tons - 500 Horse Power - Speed  
10 miles on a consumption of 30 Tons of  
Coal - Price about 25,000\$

Iron Screw Steamer of 1300 Tons  
350 Horse Power - Speed 10 miles on a consumption  
of 22 Tons of coal Price 260,000\$

Siu Nanjing built 1869 - Glasgow

In Shanghai - Order by Telegraph -

An A. 1. Side Wheel Iron Steam Ship of  
1141 Tons - 250 Horse Power - Speed 10 knots  
on consumption of 17 Tons Coal Price \$ 120,000

Yuentzfei - 1864 - Glasgow - New Builders

An A. 1. Iron Screw Steamer of 521 Tons -  
150 Horse Power - Speed 9 miles on consumption of  
10 Tons Coal - Price \$ 80,000

Inagon - England - 1867

An A. 1. Iron Screw Steamer of 589 Tons -  
100 Horse Power - Speed 9 miles on consumption  
of 8 Tons Coal Price \$ 60,000

Nanjing - 1862 - Glasgow

An A. 1. Iron Side Wheel Steamer of  
620 Tons - 150 Horse Power - Speed 10 knots on  
12 Tons of Coal Price \$ 60,000