

Yedo July 29th 74

Sir

Please find Enclosed the full particulars relating to the three Steamers of the Pacific Mail, S. S. Co. and if you wish the Golden Age you can get it by offering to the agent 250,000\$, if you want the New York or Nevada you can get by offering the agent at once 275,000\$ - the Nevada leaves in the morning with lunch mail - as the French Mail Steamer has been disabled in a Typhoon on her voyage here from Hongkong, The New York will be here on Saturday from Hakodadi - and if you prefer the New York or Golden age it is easily arranged by sending your authorized officer, or if your Excellency prefers the agent will come to your House here - but if you would prefer to have Nevada, & at once to proceed to Gen Legender in China to await his instructions - you can by Nevada hence

not once pay the money & transfer her to
Hong Kong, & let her represent the flag
of your nation while Gen Segouin is
negotiating - and I am fully confident
you cannot do any thing to strengthen
your position so much with the Chinese
as to buy her back, & send her to Gen Segouin
Look once from Hong Kong, and if your
excellency desires I will go in the M.
S. Co Colima in two days from here to
Hong Kong - see to the transfer of the records,
& proceed to and communicate with
Gen Segouin - visit Monsieur Yguel the
Commissioner of the Chinese at Foo Chow
then to Shanghai & if required to Beijing &
have this matter settled as I believe it
can be to the satisfaction of Japan, & meet
the approval of China
I have more the former
troops to Russia, & make a military
camp there - settle the Korean trouble
by a treaty something after Commodore Perry with
Japan - then next Spring use your army &
people to develop the agricultural - mineral

^{resources}
and introduction of Cattle & Sheep into
Japan - commence to build Hobble
& Cotton Mills - give your idle people
Employment - build the required roads
for Carriage throughout the Country -
then Japan will be one of the most
Progressive Countries in the world -
& then Japan will be on her True Road
to progress, ^{than} your Excellency & assistants
will have the admiration & respect
of the People of Japan - & the whole world

I trust your
Excellency will excuse this long letter,
but I think I understand your people
& Country as well as the Chinese -
and my duty is to offer my services
to you, at any time should you require
them

Most Respectfully & Faithfully
Yours
Jms. Hutchings

To His Excellency
Okuma Shigenobu
Saugo Okura Kiyō

Yokohama 10 Aug 74

Dear Sir I have been
consulted on behalf of Mr.
Goto Togyo and Mr John
Pitman - as having been inst-
rumental in bringing about
the sale of the S.S. New-
York - in reference to their
claim for a Commission of
five per cent on the con-
tract price. I understand
they have already sent you
a claim treating the sale
at the approximate sum of
\$250,000 - and if the matter
is now settled they are agr-
eable to accept a Commission
on that amount in full.
Should it however become nec-
essary to resort to litigation

they reserve right to claim
on the real price whatever
it may be. I shall be glad
to hear if you are will-
ing to arrange this matter
and thus avoid the need for
acting on my instructions -
at once to bring the matter
before the Court for decision

Yours truly
Yavin Mess

Henry Hart Esq

6 August 1842

Dear Host

I am
the *Fermosa* Dept. with
Okuma at its head has sett-
led for the New York at
\$250,000 You must to
retain my Commission, as
it is the policy of the
after treating with
one party & obtaining an
particulars & information to
go and settle with another
party

I tried to see you yesterday
afternoon will be round pre-
sently - Your truly.

Steamship Golden Age.
Side wheel steamer, built in
New York in 1854 of wood & Iron
Tons, 1869.
Walking beam engine,
Cylinder 83 in, 12 ft stroke
Horse power, 540,
Hull, 275 ft long,
Beam, 41 ft,
Depth, 26 ft.
Boilers new last year and
Engines and vessel put in
perfect order.

Vessel will carry 16,000 piculs
and 500 passengers, or 8,000
piculs and 2,000 troops.

Consumption 25 tons
Speed 10 knots; but can
be made to go 13 knots
per hour.

Steamship New York,
Built in New York in 1864,
Side wheel Steamer

Wood & Iron,

Tons, 2117.

Walking beam Engine,

Cylinder 90 in.

Stroke 12 ft.

Hull 300 ft long.

Beam 41 ft.

Depth 26 ft

Horse power 700 nominal,

Vessel will carry 16,000 piculs
and 1,000 passengers, or 10,000 piculs
and 2,000 troops.

Speed, from 10 to 13 knots per
hour. Consumption 10 knots
28 tons per day.

(Vessel boilers & Engines
in good condition.)

Steamship Nevada,
Built in New York in 1866,
Side wheel Steamer
Wood & Iron.

Tons, 2147.

Making beam engines

Cylinder 83 in.

Stroke 12 ft.

Hull 300 ft.

Beam 40 ft.

Depth 28 ft.

Horse power 600 nominal.

Vessel will carry 16,000 piculs
and 1,000 passengers, or, 10,000 piculs
and 2,000 troops.

Speed from 10 to 13 knots
per hour. Consumption on
10 knots 28 tons per day.

Vessel, boilers & engines
in first class condition.