

Tokio, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 1874

Should your Excellency require another screw steamer adapted to your mail and transport service, I would recommend the steamer "Orissa", due here on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst.

This steamer has one third more capacity, and 500 tons more <sup>than the "Madras"</sup> measurement, Vessel, Boilers and Engines in good condition Boilers only four years old.

This steamer can be purchased for eighty five thousand dollars on her arrival here. Should your Excellency wish to have the "Orissa" examined I enclose a Memo. of size, Age, condition &c. &c.

And fully believe you will agree with me that the "Orissa" is better

To

His Excellency,

Okuma Shigenobu.



adapted for your mail and transport service  
than either of the steamers now offered you  
in Yokohama.

The 'Orissa' was not built by  
the present owners but purchased from  
bankrupt owners, and bought for very much  
less price than it cost to build. Will explain  
why offered so cheaply.

Yours Faithfully  
J. H. Batchelder.