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Your Excellencies.

I find the Builders price for the Peninsular and Oriental Steamships "Orissa," "Massilia," "Bombay" and "Columban" was about one million four hundred and sixty seven thousand dollars.

The price I offered to sell the same (to your Excellencies) with P. & O. S. N. Co's guarantee not to run another line between Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai) for was Three hundred and Eighty Thousand dollars - only about one quarter what they originally cost.

The hulls of the Steamers are very strong and all in good condition, and better to-day than some of the steamships built recently; as they do not put in as heavy frames, or use as heavy plates in the steamships now, as when these vessels were built.

The Engines are in good condition and will last to wear out one or two sets of Boilers, the present boilers are good from three to six years.

Iron Screw Steamship "Orissa".

Built in 1856 by John Laird  
1665 tons.

New Engines and Boilers in 1868. New tubes 1873.  
300 Horse power.

Length	264 feet
Breadth	36 "
Depth	27 "

Diameter of screw	16 feet.
Pitch	" " 23 "

Speed 9 to 10 miles per hour.  
Consumption 25 tons per day.

Vessel, boilers and engines in  
good condition.

Price 90,000 dollars.

Builders price about 330,000 dollars.

Iron Screw Steamship "Bombay"

Built by Goddard & McGregor in 1852.

New Boilers in 1869.  
1327 Tons.

Length 234 feet.  
Breadth 31 "  
Depth 21 "

Speed 10 miles per hour.  
Consumption 25 Tons per day.

Capacity 1000 Tons measurement.

14,000 piculs and 500 passengers.

Vessel, engines and boilers in  
perfect order.

Price 10,000 dollars.

Builders price about 30,000 dollars.

Iron Screw Steamship "Columbian"

Built in 1855, by W. Simons and Co.  
2306 Tons.

New engine and boilers in 1868.  
500 Horse power.

Length 300 feet.  
Breadth 40 "  
Depth 26 "

Speed 9 to 10 miles per hour.  
Consumption 30 to 40 Tons per day.

Capacity 2200 Tons.  
or 30,000 piculs.

Price 140,000 dollars.

Builders price about 46,000 dollars.

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Paddle Steamship "Masulia".

Built of Iron in 1860 by Samuda Bros.  
1640 tons.

New Boilers in 1867.

Double Engines.

by John Penn and Sons.

Cylinders 72 in. diameter, 84 in. stroke.  
400 Horse power.

Length 310 feet.  
Breadth 36 "  
Depth 32 "

Vessel, engines, and boilers in  
good condition.

Price given Navy 50,000 dollars.  
Price asked before Auction 70,000.

'Delta' sister ship was sold in Nagasaki  
for 100,000 dollars.

Builder's price about 369,000 dollars.

Should you prefer to take only  
three instead of the four steamships  
and leave out the Columbian, the line  
will cost you only two hundred and  
forty thousand dollars.

Your Excellencies are fully aware  
of the many advantages to be derived  
by your Government, in completing this  
purchase.

Faithfully yours  
J. M. Patchelder.

To their Excellencies  
Okuma Shigenobu.  
Okubu Toshimichi.  
Tokio Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 1876.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*