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His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu

Minister of Finance

Sir

The present condition of Military and Naval affairs in this Country and China induces me to call the attention of this Government through you to an invention I have made for the protection of Harbors and Coasts from the invasion of enemy's Ships of War.

I have now made this invention public, and for the first time call attention to it from this Government. Unlike anything yet known, it also possesses many advantages, some of which I will enumerate. It can be brought to operate upon any single ship of a squadron, at a distance of one Japanese Ri from the operator.

The invention is not destroyed, but returns to the place from which it was started and can instantly be dispatched again, and with repetition until the whole squadron is destroyed or put to flight.

They can be readily constructed in this country in sixty days

They are not expensive

Can be easily transported in any ship of War or Merchant vessel

Parties can be taught to operate in a few days time

It is the first invention which is absolutely positive in its operation

These facts I can readily convince any person acquainted with the laws by which it is constructed

I would respectfully solicit an interview with some person or persons appointed by the Government to investigate when I can fully explain its operation

As to my ability in Mechanics I

would refer you to Genl Williams of
your department, as to my financial
responsibility to Messrs Augustin Harter
No 6 Yokohama

Very respectfully submitted by
(Your obed servant)

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千八百七拾四年八月卅一日

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