

July 20th 1874.

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 Kumao Stigenobu

Sir

According to your instructions I have this day examined the American Steam Ship "Suzon", and beg to hand the following report for your information.

Length overall 225 feet.

Breadth ——— 25 1/2 "

Depth of Hold 20 "

Registered Tonnage 661 Tons.

Gross " 766 "

Horse power 150.

Present speed about 7 knots.

Consumption of Coal 16 tons per day.

Ship built at Glasgow in the year 1874.

The "Suzon" is an Iron Steamer, Schooner rigged, her hull appears to have been very well built, and as far as can be examined is still in very fair order, but as I find she was once on shore in the Canton River it is important her bottom should be seen in Dock before a decided opinion can be given on this point. Engines appear to be very well made and in fair order. Boilers are now ten years

old, and therefore can not be expected to last much longer, and in fact I fear they are nearly done. Decks are well worn, and will require to be renewed, either wholly or in part when the Ship is supplied with new boilers. The Engines are old fashioned, and now occupy a considerable space in the Ship, should she be intended as a Merchant Steamer it would be an advantage either to convert the present ones into high and low pressure, or could a suitable pair of new ones be bought, to take the old ones out entirely.

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| Approximate for renewing Boilers & Decks as required | \$23,000 |
| For renewing Boilers & Decks & Converting present Engines | \$33,000 |
| For renewing Engines, Boilers & Decks | \$43,000 |

These repairs if done in Nagasaki would take about five months to complete, she would then be a new serviceable Ship.

I should add that this Ship was formerly owned by Japanese and then called the "Taipangyo"

Yours
Your obedient servant.
A. Brown