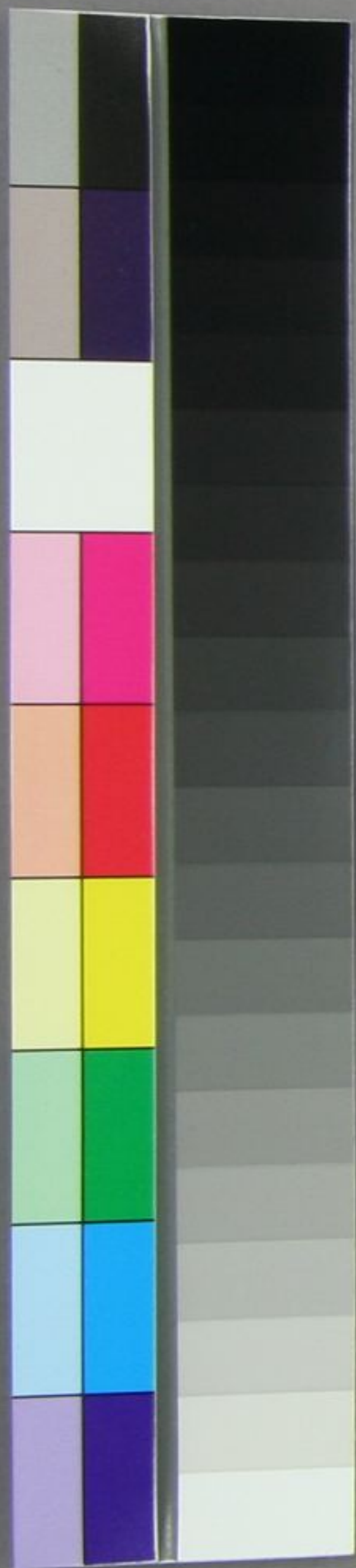


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Tokio  
August 18<sup>th</sup> 1874.

To  
His Excellency  
Okuma Shigenobu

Sir  
I beg to acknowledge receipt  
of your very flattering letter of yesterday  
date, wherein you inform me the Gov<sup>t</sup>  
of H. M. Majesty highly appreciate my  
faithful services in connection with  
the purchase of five steamers, also for  
the quick voyages I made between  
Nagasaki and the Aboriginal part  
of Formosa. I can assure your Excellency  
that it is a source of the greatest satisfac-  
-tion to me to feel that my small  
services have been appreciated, and the  
letter alone would have more than repaid  
me for any little trouble I may have  
had, but when that letter is accompanied  
by a present of Three Thousand Yen, I  
fail in words to express my feelings,  
and can only sincerely thank your  
Excellency, and assure you that as  
a servant of H. M. Majesty Gov<sup>t</sup> the  
interest of that Government alone will  
ever be my constant study in any  
matter I may be connected



with

I am Sir.  
Your obedient servant.  
W. Brown