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General Post Office
July 23/76.

To

His Excellency Okuma Shigenobu
Minister of Finance

Dear Sir

Having been informed by the
Paymaster of the Naval Department that it
is the wish of the Government to get the
three Men of War now building in England,
out to Japan at the smallest possible expense
to the Government, I therefore proposed that
they should be sent out as ordinary Merchant
Ships, instead of as "Men of War", which will
considerably reduce the expense, I therefore
thought it advisable to make out a fresh
estimate accordingly, which I have forwarded
to the Naval Department, a copy of which I
beg to enclose herewith for your information,
as also a copy of my letter to the Naval
Department.

Yours
Your obedient servant
A. P. Brown.

General Post Office
July 21st 1876.

To
The Officers of Har-gua. Sta.

Gentlemen

Having been informed that it is the wish of the Government to get the three Men of War now building in England out to Japan with as little expense as possible, I have thought it advisable to make out another estimate on that basis.

In preparing my former estimate I understood it to be the wish of the Government that the Ships should touch and stay a few days at all the different ports they would pass on the outward voyage, also that they should fire a salute at each place: This would necessarily entail a large Crew, in addition to which under such circumstances it would be necessary to entertain the local Government Officials at the different ports, which would considerably increase the expenses, and for which I made allowance in my former estimate, but have now deducted all such expenses.

The cheapest way will be to allow these Ships to be manned and sent out in the same manner as ordinary Merchant-Ships would be, and on this principle I have prepared the accompanying estimate.

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 You will observe I have calculated on being able to obtain a crew of Manilla-men & Malays in England, which can generally be done, although you cannot depend on being able to get such a number at one time, but I found but little difficulty in getting such men for the "King's Man" and also for the "Sumida Man" last year. By procuring these men a very considerable saving is effected, as they have only to be provided with a passage to Singapore, instead of to Europe, besides which they can be provisioned cheaper than Europeans.

I have reduced the daily consumption of Coal to 110 Tons per day instead of 125 in my former estimate, but this must be considered but approximate, as I have but little information to guide me in this matter.

In conclusion I would beg to remark that I do not think these Ships can be got out for less money than in accordance with the accompanying estimate, viz £28,520-17-6; any further reduction in the number of the crew would be attended with a proportional risk to the Ships.

I am Gentlemen
 Your Obedient Servant
 A. Brown.

Copy Abstract of Expenses.
For bringing Three Men of War
from
England to Japan.

	£.	s.	d.
Pay of officers, Engineers and Men, as per a/c-----	5,960	03	00
Provisions for the above as per a/c---	2,543	12	6
Passage money and expenses in return- ing Europeans to Europe, and Manilla men to Singapore as per a/c-----	3,392	00	00
	Expenses of local as per a/c-----	12,850	00
Cannal expenses as per a/c-----	2,595	00	00
Incidental Expenses as per a/c-----	1,180	00	00
Total Expense. £	28,520	17	6

Expense of Crews.

	£.	s.	d.
2 Captains @ £35 per month =	70	00	00
3 Chief Officers @ £18 " " =	54	00	00
3 Second Officers @ £12 " " =	36	00	00
3 Third Officers @ £10 " " =	30	00	00
3 Fourth Officers @ £7 " " =	21	00	00
39 Petty Officers @ average pay per month £6 =	234	00	00
80 Seamen @ £4 per month =	320	00	00
3 Chief Engineers @ £35 " " =	105	00	00
9 Assistant Engineers average pay per month £20 =	180	00	00
80 Firemen @ £4-10 =	360	00	00
9 Leading Firemen @ £5-10 =	49	10	00
Total 234. Total pay of Crews for one month	1459	10	00

Pay of Captains, Officers, Engineers and
 12 European Petty Officers for 5 months @
 £568 per month = 2,840 00 00

Pay of 14 Malay Petty Officers, Seamen
 and Firemen for 3 1/2 months @ £891.10 per month 3120 05 00
 Total pay of the Three Crews £5960 05 00

Note.— The five months allowed is reckoning up to the
 estimated date of the arrival of the European Crew in England,
 and the 3 1/2 months is reckoning till the return of
 the Malay Crew to Singapore.

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Expenses for Coal, Cannal and
Incidental Expenses.

Coal.	£	s.	d.
For 55 days steaming at 110 Tons per day, the average price £2 per Ton.	12,100	00	00
Engine oil, waste, and Engineer Stores for the Voyage. ---	750	00	00
	£	<u>12,850</u>	<u>00 00</u>

Cannal Expenses.

5866 Tons @ 10 francs per Ton	21445	00	00
Pilotage, Port, and other charges	150	00	00
	£	<u>2595</u>	<u>00 00</u>

Incidental Expenses.

Sundry small stores for the voyage	450	00	00
Expenses attending the Engagement of the Seamen.	150	00	00
Pilotage from England and at the different ports.	180	00	00
Expenses at the various ports of call on the outward voyage.	300	00	00
Travelling & other expenses in England.	100	00	00
	£	<u>1180</u>	<u>00 00</u>

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Passage Money
And Expenses in connection with returning
Europeans to Europe, and Natives to
Singapore.

	£	s.	d.
First Class.— 2 Captains 3 Chief Engineers and 3 Chief officers viz 8 persons @ £ 120 each	960	00	00
Second Class.— 12 European Petty officers @ £ 6 each	720	00	00
Deck Passengers.— Remaining portion of crew 214 in number to Singapore @ £ 8. each	1712	00	00
Total Expense in returning crew	3392	00	00

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Mess Account.
For Three and a Half Months.

	£.	s.	d.
Captains, Officers, and Chief Engineers 18 persons @ 16 per day each -----	567	00	00
Assistant Engineers 9 persons @ 5 per day each -----	236	5	00
Petty Officers 39 persons at an average of 2/0 per day each -----	409	10	00
Remainder of the Crew, viz 169 persons @ 1/6 ^d per day each. --	1330	17	6
	£ 2543	12	6