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S. S. "Tokio Maru"

Bay of Yedo -

2nd of December 1874

His Excellency Iwama Shigenobu

Chief of Banchi Simutskan

Tokio -

I have the honor to report to your Excellency my return to Yokohama. After reaching Nagasaki on the 24th of November, and finding that the "Taka-Saga Maru" had already sailed, I was instructed by telegram from your Excellency to remain in that place until the arrival of General Saigo.

Some days later however I received information from Captain Hyashi that you desired me to proceed to Formosa in the "Tamaoura Maru". Accordingly I sailed in that steamer on the end of December for Langkan which place I reached on the 7th.

To my great disappointment I found that the island had already been completely evacuated and that General Saigo had sailed

for Nagasaki with the last of the troops two days before my arrival.

As there remained nothing whatever to be done I returned at once to Nagasaki reaching there on the 13th of Dec.

Returning to Yokohama with General Sarge in the "Tokio Maru" I have the honor to await your Excellency's future commands.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's obedient servant
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