

Shomaru Washiki
 Bijou Bashi
 Yokohama
 10th September 1854

To
 His Excellency
 Kumada sama
 Saugji to &c

Sir
 In the month of May last I rendered to your Government a service by informing them that the English Steamer 'Yorkshire' which had been chartered to convey troops and stores to Formosa would be stopped by the English Government on her arrival at Nagasaki, and in consequence of such information your Government were enabled to save some five thousand dollars by making a new agreement with the Captain of the Steamer 'Yorkshire' and only paying for the voyage to Nagasaki.

In return for such information your Government sent through a letter said to be signed by you, and which was returned to the Messenger as requested, thanked me for the service I had rendered them and promised that in the event of their requiring at any future time to charter or buy any Steamer that they would make use of my services.

Since that time I hear that your Government
have bought the "Ceantha" New York & Madras and
my object in now addressing you is to call to mind
the promise given to me and to respectfully request
that should you at any time require any more that
you may be pleased to make use of my services,

Presuming, that owing to more important busi-
ness matters, the promise given escaped your memory
and assuring you of my earnest wish to act to the
best of my ability in behalf of your Government

I have the honor to be

Sir
your obedient servant
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