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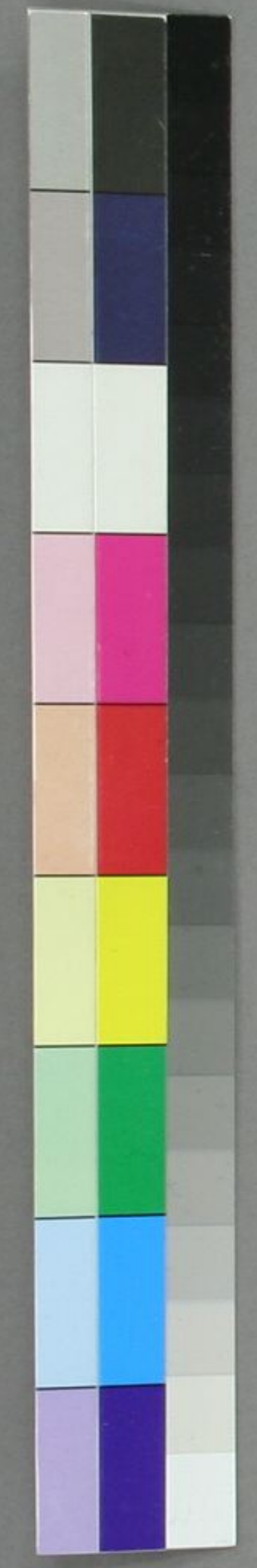
Tokio Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1859.

To Mr Okuma Okuranothio  
Secretary of Department  
of Internal Improvements  
Tokio

Sir

I called yesterday  
at your house for the purpose  
of having a private interview  
about my engagements to the  
Island of Sado, finding you  
absent it was post-poned to  
call on you in the evening, and  
again this morning, unfortunately  
other business having called  
you away, I am compelled  
to communicate to you in  
writing what I would wish  
to express.

Some months ago  
I was engaged to go to the  
Island of Sado to superintend  
the mining of that Island.  
A contract was given in, by  
me, and accepted, the same  
not being returned to me



as it was to be written in Japanese  
and signed and sealed by the  
Government, this I was told  
would be done in a few days -

A few days after, I was notified  
of this; \$3000 was paid me on  
account of salary on the new  
Contract, the gentleman stating  
that my new Contract commenced  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Japanese month  
of May, of this year, more a  
young officer was appointed as  
my interpreter Mr. Miyama  
Genchi to accompany me on  
the voyage, also another young  
officer to escort me together  
with Mr. Sugita Gataro. I  
was ordered to get ready, which  
I have done and I am now  
waiting to know when I am  
to start and to get my Contract  
signed and all in order -

I remain with great  
respects Your most Obedient

Wm. Gowen

Mining Engineer to the Japanese  
Government

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Mr. Okuma Okuramoto  
Secretary of Departments  
of Internal Improvements  
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