

To their Excellencies

Okuma Kimbu-no taie
Ito Kimbuns Show
Tokui.

Gentlemen

Since I had the honour last to address you, the work has continued slowly, but steadily, to progress. I am now working inside of the mine and finding some ore which seems a little better than what we found at first.

The foundations for the oven are completed and the stone is being cut for upper walls; & I hope when the retorts arrive to have the work so far advanced as to immediately place them.

I have dug a small reservoir for water and preparing a place for the washing tables, when the washing and assorting of the ore will be

done & I hope to have the work
pretty well finished in about
one and a half months from now.

I send a small box containing
a few specimens (taken out
today) which will give you an
idea of what is taken out.

I have finished a survey
of the country round here which
I will bring up with me.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellencies most obedient
& humble servants

A. M. Gower

N. E. to the Japan ^{to} Govt

Territorium

Hirado Feb 19/70.