

To His Excellency
His Minbunso Shoin
via sea via
Tokai

Sir

I have this day forwarded to Messrs Jardini Matheson & Co of Yokohama an order on your Department, heading it with your name, for Twenty Thousand dollars. I request Messrs Jardini Matheson & Co to place the same to my credit as Mining Engineer of the Japanese Government, and for which they will account to me, and I to the Department when all bills are settled.

I would beg you to bear in mind that what is now ordered for this amount, is only part of what will be required at the mines of Sado, for my estimate spoke of \$60,000, whilst this is only one third of the amount. This will however with very little more enable us to make a good start, and I am convinced

the increase in the yield of the
mines, the comparative saving
in expense will make it
anxious to enlarge the works
and machinery, three or four
fold.

Hoping soon to have
the honor of paying your
Excellency my respects personally
I have the honor to be

Your most obedient
and humble servant

A. M. Gower

M. E. to the Japanese Govt.

London March 31st 1870.

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Colorado

Private - Mar 31/70 -

Ito Minbun Shoin Esq
Tokio

My dear Mr Ito

I received your
note of 16th March by Mr
Hattori for which please
accept my thanks. The
retorts have not yet arrived
from ~~Yedo~~ Nagasaki. I
suppose on account of the
bad weather. Let me assure
you that I am very anxious
to get away from this place
& will lose no time in
getting all in working order.

The house for
the oven is finished, and
we are taking out some
good ore. The place for
washing the ore is also
finished, and the furnace
itself only wanting the
retorts to finish it also.

I have written to you
officially, notifying you

of having given Messrs
Gardner Matheson & Co an
order for \$20,000. for
machinery to be purchased
for Sado. I ask them
to put this amount to
my credit, with them, as
Mining Engineer for the
Japanese Government. so that
they will account to me
and I to you as to
the expenditures.

I have written to the
parties in San Francisco
to send all complete, and
of the best make. also a
small vertical lathe, and
lathe. both of which are
constantly required when
machinery is at work.

Part of the machinery
I have as yet no information
as to its cost but it will
not be much.

I have sent for surveying
instruments, and a small
copying apparatus - which
will be needed daily in Sado,
to England.

Of course many small
things as trucks, lifting
gear, mining pumps and
so forth. must be ordered
from Sado. when I get there
I find what is wanted.

I have an idea in my
head about drying the Sado
mines which is so rich, by
a method of my own, which
if it answers. I will get
a patent for. I will explain
it to you privately when I
come up.

Please remember me
Kindly to Mr Okuma whom
I hope is well. & Mr Yamaguchi
& with best regards

Remain sincerely

Yours
E. M. Gowen

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