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Yedo, Sept. 18th/74

My dear Mr. Harai,

A friend of mine
asked me to inquire & see if the
government does not want
to buy an Iron clad, as he has
one in Europe. Her tonnage is
said to be about 3,400 tons.
Now could you do me the
favor to ask Mr. Okuma,
as to whether his government
want it or not and let me
know & shall be much
obliged.

Should the Govt. desire to
purchase, I will ask my
friend to furnish its partic-
ulars in a few days, as
I know he has sent for
the same per telegram.

Yours truly
J. M. H. Lee