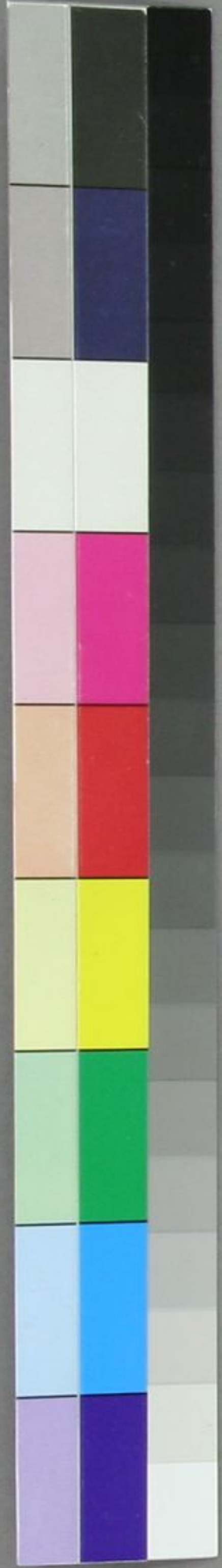


H. E. Okuma Shigenobu  
Tokobama 20 March 1876.

Sir

In compliance with your request  
I beg to address you shortly on the  
subject of the matter I had the honor  
to bring to your notice on Friday last.

It is impossible for me to  
give any general estimates for undis-  
tancing the printing work of the Govern-  
ment. But I should be prepared to  
give estimates for any particular forms,  
of whatever nature, of which I may be



furnished with specimens, naming  
the numbers likely to be required and  
the quantity wanted monthly or yearly.

The larger this is and the more regular  
the required supply, the more cheaply  
such work can be done.

Any work so undertaken can be  
carried out with great certainty &  
expedition & excellence, & very moderately.

My object is to ensure constant  
employment for the large and expensive  
staff and establishment requisite to  
carry on a journal like the "Japan Mail"  
the circulation of which must necessarily  
be limited in so small a community of  
foreigners as that existing in this country.

I would also remark that the great  
source of profit to a newspaper, its  
advertisements, assists a weekly  
paper in this country but very slightly  
as the evening journals give the chief  
circulation to them.

If your Excellency will be so good  
as to give the necessary orders to have  
specimens of the required forms sent  
to me, I will at once have estimates  
made of the prices at which they can  
be printed, and commending my  
application to your favourable consideration,

I remain, Sir

Your very obedient servant,  
W. G. Howill.

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