

Tokio, April 8th 1874.

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 7th inst. with translation attached, from which I understand that H. M. Government has decided to send a high Commissioner to Aboriginal Formosa for the purpose of chastizing the inhabitants thereof; and that a department called the Colonization Department, of which you are the chief, has been opened in Tokio for the transaction of all business connected with

that undertaking; and you
desire me to be transferred
with my present grade, rank
and salary to this new office.

In reply, I beg to state
to Your Excellency that, having
deeply at heart the interests of
His Majesty and His Majesty's
Government, since it is thought
that I can be of more service
to Japan and her people in
this new position than in
my former one, I hereby
accept the transfer.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's

Obedient humble servant,

Am. W. S. Iwano

His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu,

Minister of Colonization Office.

其^生事務局長大隈重信閣下

李仙得

^法七日之書落手極符又一日の見字は陳と貴
 政府に其事務生番地都督と為遣一問罪に奉り
 決定後事務局長を置閣下長官少あり事務
 取扱相成り付扱者現今外務に職と^本局に移り従
 俸給つと賜肯由業^中は^本者^在中^方は^本は^本は^本
 直の如く外務に専職扱外も今度新職と為りは方
 皇帝陛下の幸以存裨益とあり中執事と兼且其^中
 國の人民一般に其の有用と仰知るに致す故に^本
 なく其^本何故ある其^本謹言

千八百七十四年四月八日

His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu.

Minister of Colonization
Office.



