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Copy. Nagasaki, May 6th 1874.

General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. and in reply would state that, in compliance with the suggestions therein contained, and after consultation with Mr. Okuma, I have decided not to leave by the "Cata Rica". Mr. Okubo has now arrived, and I have been informed by Mr. Okuma and yourself that the mission to Formosa has been ordered to proceed to its destination; but that the government



desires that I should not accompany you to Sialiao until after certain matters have been adjusted in Tokai. Therefore I shall leave for Tokai today or tomorrow. Before I part from you, I beg to furnish you with the enclosed memo. of the best means of proceeding to Pilaw without the aid of Dr. Manson which, as we now know, we cannot avail ourselves of.

Besides this I would respectfully call your attention to the necessity, which, in my judgment is apparent, not to commence operations against the Bontans until after the cool weather

has set in, that is to say, in the beginning of November. The interval that will pass between this and that time will not be longer than will be actually necessary to locate yourself at Sialiao, and establish friendly relations with the half castes of the Saung-Kiau valley, the aborigines under Tanke-ton, the Pilaw natives, and such other tribes in their vicinity as you may be brought into contact with during your visit to Pilaw. When this has been accomplished and your troops have become thoroughly acclimated, I consider that

Your task will be almost finished. Against your forces so organized and prepared, supported by such contingents as your allies will furnish you, and able through them, to penetrate into every inch of the Bontan territory, the latter cannot offer any resistance; and, or I am very much mistaken, terrified by such preparations, they will lay down their arms without firing a shot.

It may be that you will find the water at Sialias not very good, and the locality rather warm, owing to the fact

that the soil there is sandy; and therefore you may find it necessary to move a portion of your troops to a more favorable position. There are three spots that, owing to their being exposed to the full force of the Southwest monsoon and their vicinity to ^{the} streams of fresh water, would offer all the requisites of a Sanitarium. The first is at the Southwest portion of the island at Tossupong; the second at the mouth of the Toapangnack River, which is to the west of the Koa-luts Rock; and the third

on the heights at the head of Hoahiang Bay. As Sialias must be held as a basis, it is to be hoped that a large force will be always kept there.

Should you find it necessary to fight the tribes under Pan Ketok, it will be well to remember that there is a cart-road that connects Sialias with the Tuiahsook River, which is the first stream on the East Coast north of the South East Cape. This river is on the Tuillassoek territory, and at its mouth is at least one village, besides several

hamlets. At the mouth of the river is good anchorage for vessels of small draft. To the north of this river the country becomes very mountainous.

Should you succeed in establishing friendly relations with the inhabitants of the Liang Kian valley, the people under Pan Ketok, and the other aboriginal tribes above named, and in obtaining contingents from them, you may find it advantageous not to organize them into separate corps, but to fuse them into the ranks of your own Japanese organizations. In this

way they will be always
under your own eye and
the eyes of your officers
and men, and you will
be protected against their
defection.

Wishing you all success
in your enterprise I
remain

Very respectfully
Your obedient, humble
Servant,

(Signed) Ch. W. Legendre

His Excellency
General Sargo,
High Commissioner,
etc. etc. etc.

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Directions for Pilaw.

Pilaw is the head quarters
of the Pilaw whan, a very
large tribe. In 1871 a woman
was chief, her son, Ausing,
her apparent. Ausing stated
to Dr. Mansou that Botel
Tobago is visible from Pilaw;
they call it Botel; and that
Pilaw lies due East from
Takao at the foot of the
large hill called Toa-soa-boo.
It can be recognized from
the sea by an opening in
the hills with a double
peak at its northern extreme-
ity. A pilot could easily
be procured at Takao or
Chasiang. If possible, one should

to get who has been in
Pilaw before; and this
would not be difficult, as
the half castes of Southern
Formosa are engaged in trade
with the natives of Pilaw.

Ausung is an old and
very grateful patient of
Dr. Manson's, exceedingly well
disposed towards foreigners;
his people are industrious,
cultivate their plain, and
seem a step nearer civilization
than their neighbors. Ausung
told Dr. Manson of some
large sculptured stones in
his village which they hold
in superstitious reverence;
they have been there from
time immemorial. These
might be of service in reading

the history of Formosa.
One would be quite safe
alone amongst these people
if Ausung is still there.
They use no money—cloth,
hoes, knives, gunpowder, etc,
being their standards of val-
ue. Dr. Manson was in-
formed by Ausung that
one might cross from Pilaw
to Fou-lee; but the road,
though short, is very bad,
and takes ten days to
traverse. Ausung offered
Dr. Manson an escort of two
hundred men should he
ever visit him.

There is a large Pipo
whaw colony to the north of
Pilaw, whose people are at
war with the Pilaw natives.

In visiting the latter it
would be well to estab-
lish connections with the
former with a view to
bring about a reconcilia-
tion between them. Their
combined forces might then
join with those of Japan
and march against the
Bontans, whose territory
might be promised to them
and to the other allies from
the South as a reward for
the aid rendered by them.

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