

Tokai, July 9th 1874.

Your Excellency:

Referring to the conversation which I had the honor to have with your Excellency this morning, in the course of which you had the goodness to invite me to make some suggestions as to the kind of instructions I should consider it the interest of the Government to give me when I proceed to Southern China, I beg respectfully to

state that, before I can
make these suggestions,
I would need to peruse:

First: The first letter
addressed by General Saigo
to the Viceroy at Foochow, in
which the names of the
officers, my own included,
connected with the mission
were given, that I may
see in what capacity the
Chinese understood me to
have been connected with
the mission.

Second: The copy of the
correspondence that has taken
place between Mr. Yamagivara
and both the Central au-
thorities at Peking and

the provincial officers at
Foochow.

Therefore I would respect-
fully beg Your Excellency
to furnish me, some
time today or tomorrow,
with liberal translations of
the same, with Chinese
text attached.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient humble servant

Ch. W. Li

Your Excellency
Okuma Shigenobu,
Minister of Colonization,
etc. etc. etc.

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七年七月十日

李仙得

長官公呈各

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