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Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company

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His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu

Minister of Marine & Commerce

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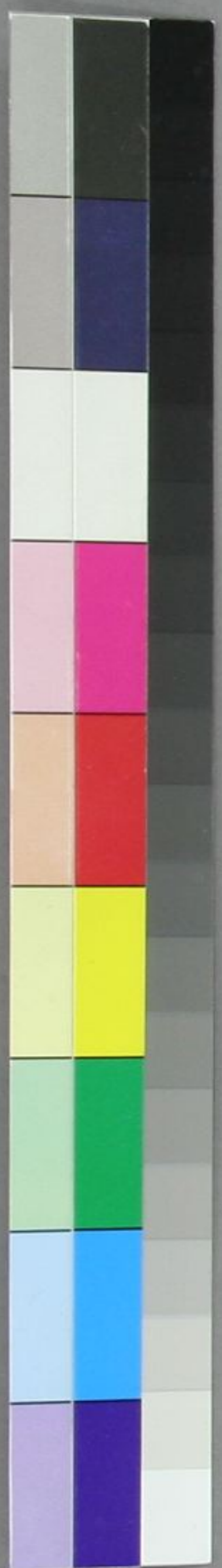
Sir

Understanding that it is the intention of the Government to purchase some Steamers I have the honor to offer the following vessels belonging to this Company (at present employed in the English Mail Service between Hong Kong and this Port) which the Company are willing to dispose of, other vessels more suitable for their present requirements being on the way out from England to relieve them.

The Steamers are

The <i>Marsilia</i>	Paddle	1640	400 H.P.
<i>Pomona</i>	Screw	1327	275
<i>Orissa</i>	"	1047	300
<i>Behal</i>	"	1723	300

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The 'Massilia' is sister ship to the 'Delta' bought by you at Nagasaki and the 'Bombay' is a sister ship to the 'Madras' purchased here by the Government a few days ago. The 'Pohai' & 'Orissa' are like the 'Bombay' but larger. Further particulars respecting these vessels can be obtained at this Office and I would respectfully suggest that in the event of the Government wishing to purchase a Steamer the terms be arranged with me direct and not thro' a third party as it can be done much more satisfactorily to both sides by direct communication. I can offer the Steamers to your Excellency at competitive bids but figures and it would be as well to settle this matter at once as offers are made for them in China and if not sold at once they will be sent to Europe where they will meet with ready sales.

I shall be happy to wait on you in regard to this matter should you wish it.

The 'Bombay' will be here on or about the 20th inst and the 'Massilia' shortly. The former I can dispose of immediately if the Government decides at once to buy her.

I can also offer for sale the following Steamers.

Columbian Serent 2283 Tons 500 H.P.

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The former is at present employed between Hong Kong & Bombay & the latter is in England but can be laid down here at something like \$125,000. She has lately been employed by Her Britannic Majesty's Government in the Transport service during the Abkhazian War.

The Bill of Sale of the 'Madras' is ready to be handed over to any one authorized by you to receive it in exchange for the provisional Bill of Sale granted by H. P. M. Consul & the latter it is not necessary to return to me and I shall be glad to receive it as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant
J. Mackenzie
Agent