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To H. C. the Minister of Finance,  
Yedo.

Sir,

In pursuance of your request dated 2<sup>nd</sup> day of 6<sup>th</sup> Month Meiji 6<sup>th</sup> year that we should endeavour to secure currency in China for your Silver Yen on the same footing as Mexican Dollars, I have now the honor to inform you that our Manager in Hongkong has addressed himself officially on this subject to the Colonial Secretary there. I enclose a copy of our Manager's letter, from which you will observe that we have claimed for your Yen a similar place to that we have had to claim for the American Trade

Dollar: viz that both coins should be proclaimed legal tenders in Hongkong and Dependencies.

It is understood that H<sup>o</sup> the Governor of Hongkong will ask for an opinion from the Chamber of Commerce there - not only in regard to your yen, but also in regard to the Trade Dollar.

Whatever public steps may be taken in this matter I will convey to you without loss of time.

I leave you to make any communication on this subject you may think fit to H<sup>o</sup> C. H<sup>o</sup> Minister in Japan, who, I may remark, is certain to be referred to by the Hongkong Government on this very

important matter.

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I have the honor to be,  
Sir  
your obedient servant

John Adams