

Per Pacific Mail steamer.

Nagasaki January 9th 1875.

To His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu

Chief of Banchi Jemukioka

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Tokio.

May it please Your Excellency,

The kindness and consideration which Your Excellency has hitherto shown me, when War was imminent, emboldens me to address your Excellency regarding some further employment, now that Peace is happily secured.

I have expended a large sum of money in purchasing a house and grounds in Nagasaki - where my wife and family now reside: I have thus made Japan my adopted home, and would wish to have employment under the Japanese Flag: therefore if Your Excellency would kindly help me to the command of one of the Mitsui-Bishi-Okopumi steamers, my gratitude would be very great.

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency's humble and obedient servant

Alfred Cooper