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To
His Excellency
Okuma Shigenobu
Chief of Banchi Jimukisoku
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Tokio -

May it please Your Excellency, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch from Tokio, under date of December 31st 1874, stating that the Imperial Government had awarded me the sum of one hundred yen in consideration of the book of Charts which I presented to the Foreign Office previous to my departure from Tokio. - I trust Your Excellency will convey my humble thanks to the Imperial Government for their great liberality to me, not only in this instance, but also for the other magnificent presents which I have received here in Nagasaki, by the hands of Captain Hayashi and Mr. S. Yokoyama. - Trusting that the honourable Peace, which the admirable diplomacy of Your Excellency has won from the Court of Peking, may be a lasting one - and conducive to the present happiness and future greatness of the Japanese Empire,

I have the honour to be,
With profound respect,
Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servant
Alfred Cooper