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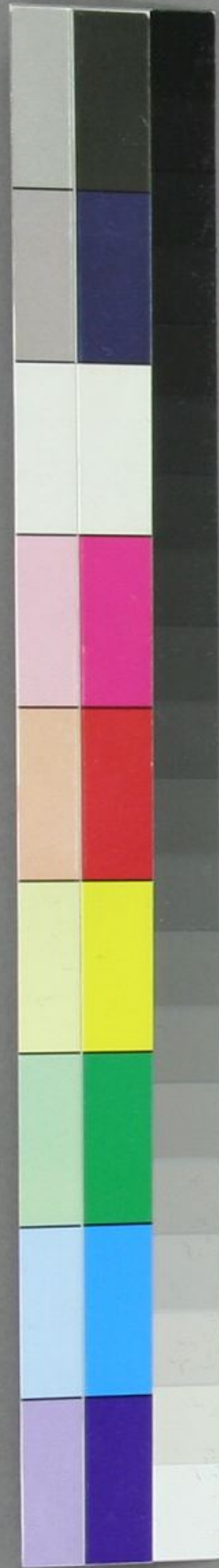
His Excellency

Munna Shigenobu

Dear Sir,

As I know that you are greatly interested in the future of Silver and it may be of great immediate consequence to your present plans, I send you by a special messenger this letter to inform you that I have this afternoon received from our Head Office in London the following telegram dated yesterday:-

" Chancellor of the Exchequer has given notice that the Government of India wish to borrow two millions pounds $\text{£}2,000,000$ from English Government for war purposes. It is currently reported that proceedings will be taken by parties interested in the Eastern trade to press Government to reduce drawings of the



"India Council Bills for two years."

The loan of two millions will of course, if sanctioned by Parliament, as it is almost certain to be, ~~will~~ considerably raise the price of Silver & Mexican dollars, as Silver will be sent from London to India to pay for the Afghan war expenses.

If the second item of news proves to be well founded, it means that the price of all Silver will be raised still further, as it is chiefly the heavy drawings of the India Council (at present £450,000. each week) which is keeping Silver so cheap everywhere. -

I hope your Excellency will find this of sufficient interest to you to be any excuse for troubling you on Saturday evening; & at all events I trust that you will treat it as confidential, as I hope to make some profit out of the news early next week. -

Yours faithfully

Mussell

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