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Terms on which the management of the Light houses Service of the Japanese Government of Japan should be arranged.

- 1° That all instructions shall be given by the Minister or Viceminister of Public Works to the chief engineer of the Service direct.
- 2° That no work shall be undertaken or expense incurred by the chief Engineer without the authority of the Minister or Viceminister of Public Works, which authority will be given to the Chief Engineer direct.
- 3° That on such authority being given, the carrying out of such work in all its details to be left to the sole management and direction of the Chief Engineer. No Officer of the Government shall have the right of interfering with the directions of the Chief Engineer in such work, with the exception of the Minister or Vice Minister of Public Works.
- 4° That a staff of Japanese Officers with one chief to be attached to the office. These officers to be placed under the chief engineer and to follow his directions.
- 5° The duties of these Officers to consist

of



of scrutiny of all accounts, paying all sums due to native merchants or native workmen, purchasing all articles procured from native merchants, engaging all native employes, arranging contracts with native contractors, keeping time of workmen's employment and cost of material etc. at all Lighthouse Stations and at Lighthouse establishment, and generally to give all the assistance in their power to the furtherance of the work.

6° That every facility shall be given to the Japanese officials to make correct accounts of the cost of each work.

7° That no payment whatever of any kind be made by the Japanese officials without a certificate of its correctness signed by the Chief Engineer, the Assistant Engineer or the Secretary to the Establishment

8° That no contract be entered into by the Japanese officials without the ~~express~~ consent of the Chief Engineer.

9° That no work of any kind be ordered or any directions to workmen be given by the Japanese officials without the sanction of the Chief Engineer

10° That no European shall be employed in the service without the permission of the Minister or Vice Minister of Public Works, who must also give his approval of the rate of pay and length of service of such European.

11° The selection and governance of the European employes to be left to the charge of the Chief Engineer.

12° All communications which may require to be made between the government and any European employes to be done through the Chief Engineer.

13° Any work required to be carried out by the Lighthouse officers for any local authority shall be ordered through the Minister or Vice Minister of Public Works, and shall be executed under the sole direction of the Chief Engineer on the same terms as above specified. The Lighthouse officials keeping a correct record of its cost and charging such local authority with the amount.

(Signed) R. Henry Brinton.



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Saturday evening.



My dear Okuma

I have just received a telegram from Sir Harry to say that he cannot come up to Yedo on Monday and would beg you to put off your visit to him till Wednesday, unless indeed you prefer going down to Yokohama on Monday to see him there. Please let me hear from you this evening, so that I may





take your answer  
down with me tomorrow.  
I send you a copy of  
Mr Bruntton's proposals  
with a translation, which  
contains all there is in  
the original, though in  
a more laconic style.  
I will tell Sir Ham that  
you wish to bring Hirozawa  
with you, and I am certain  
he will be delighted to  
see him.

Excuse my writing in English,  
but I commit so many  
faults in Japanese that  
I prefer using my own  
language. Very mitate  
no koto.

Believe me,  
yours very truly  
Emed Satow



Okuma Sangi dono

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Victor