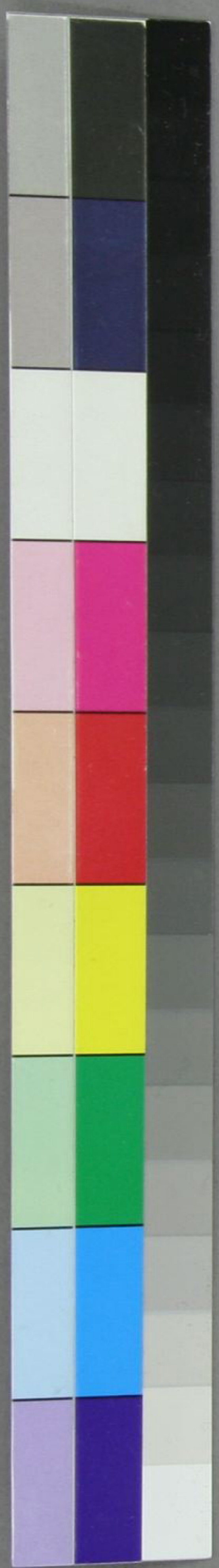


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Memorandum. should  
Department of the Treasury

1. It is desirable that a  
new & improved system of  
accounts should be intro-  
-duced into the various  
departments of the govern-  
-ment with the view of  
preventing fraud, diminish-  
-ing expense, & securing rapidity  
& accuracy.

2. It is desirable that there



should be in the Banking department of the Shikharip certain officials who have not only studied the general principles of banking, but who have also had opportunities of studying the mode in which banking is actually conducted in foreign countries.

3. For the attainment of the former object it was

proposed to Okunoda Hachitaro Langi & Chief Commissioners of the Treasury by Mr. Shaid Secretary to the Comptroller of the Currency that he in conjunction with such officials as the government might select should proceed to Europe to obtain the necessary information for the introduction of a new system.

4. This proposition was

submitted by Mr. Okuma to  
the Paris Council was re-  
jected by them on the  
ground following viz:—

A. That as Mr. Maund was  
about to proceed to England  
on sick leave it would not  
be expedient to entrust him  
with duty.—

B. That if he should be  
retained as a paid servant  
while suffering from sick-  
-ness it would create a  
dangerous precedent in

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P. O. Bagman "Aindostan"

near Adegas 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1873.

of India  
Okuma Hachitaro Sugi. had

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My dear Sir,

I regret very much that the delicate state of my health prevented me from attending at the Treasury department on the 6<sup>th</sup> of last month for the purpose of learning from you the

final decision of the Govern-  
-ment. ~~in~~ regard to the  
formal proposition which I  
had the honor to lay before  
you. Mr. Seco, as you are  
aware attended and may be  
-half hearted doubt not,  
explained to you the  
unfortunate cause of my  
absence at the time  
of the meeting. It will no doubt be  
within your recollection that  
on the occasion when I

had the pleasure of waiting  
at upon you at your residence  
together with Mr. Seco, you  
were good enough to say  
that while the Privy Council  
fully admitted the usefulness  
& even the necessity of the  
change which I advocated  
in relation to the government  
accounts, they did not see  
their way to avail of my  
services as proposed by me  
for various reasons. which

You were there ~~and~~ enough to  
~~see~~ ~~to~~ ~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~it~~ ~~seemed~~ ~~to~~  
me at the time that the  
views entertained by the  
Living Council upon the  
subject would of necessity  
put an end to any action  
in the matter. I had  
however but little time, in  
the consequence of my  
sickness, but small in-  
clination to re-open the  
subject. On further con-

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respect to the relations of the  
government with its foreign  
employes.

C. That the government was  
not prepared to expend  
such a sum of money as  
would be required to  
accomplish the end sought.

As there now appears to be  
every hope that Mr. Thand's  
health will be soon com-  
-pletely restored he ventures  
of the objects

to put forward the following  
modification of his former  
proposition in the hope that  
it may meet with the  
approval of Mr. Okuma  
of the Privy Council.

5. That the government shall  
send to the Japanese am-  
-bassador either in London or  
in Paris a discretionary  
power to entrust to Mr.  
Shand the carrying out  
of the objects mentioned in

paragraphs 1 & 2.

6. That before doing so the  
Japanese ambassador shall satisfy  
himself that Mr. Shand is in  
a fit state of health to  
perform the duties required of  
him.

7. That the Japanese am-  
-bassador shall select from  
among the students under  
his control as many as  
it may be desirable to  
employ to act in conjunction



with Mr. Hand to receive  
instructions from him in  
matters relating to the  
accident. Mr. Hand

8. As to Mr. Hand's  
punishment, he would pro-  
-pose that the Japanese  
ambassador be instructed  
to arrange with him,  
if the Government prefer it  
they can pay to Mr. Hand  
any sum they may consider  
fair after his return to

- consideration ~~is~~ ~~was~~ ~~and~~ ~~am~~ ~~not~~ ~~disposed~~ ~~to~~ ~~think~~ ~~of~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~term~~ ~~of~~ ~~any~~ ~~proposition~~ ~~may~~ ~~be~~ ~~so~~ ~~modified~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~ ~~meet~~ ~~the~~ ~~wishes~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Privy~~ ~~Council~~ ~~and~~ ~~enable~~ ~~them~~ ~~to~~ ~~act~~ ~~without~~ ~~violating~~ ~~any~~ ~~rule~~ ~~or~~ ~~creating~~ ~~any~~ ~~dangerous~~ ~~precedent~~ ~~in~~ ~~regard~~ ~~to~~ ~~their~~ ~~relations~~ ~~with~~ ~~their~~ ~~foreign~~ ~~employes~~, ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~assist~~ ~~for~~ ~~this~~ ~~reason~~ ~~that~~ ~~I~~ ~~now~~ ~~venture~~ ~~to~~ ~~lay~~ ~~before~~

You as new proposition in the  
 shape of a memorandum  
 which I enclose herewith. It  
 seems to me that it meets  
 all the difficulties of the  
 case. I do trust that you  
 perusal to consideration you  
 will think so too. You  
 will observe that I have  
 introduced a new feature  
 into the proposition by  
 suggesting that students

should be selected to study  
 banking under my supervision  
 so as to increase the  
 efficiency of the Banking  
 department of the Fisheries.  
 I have requested Mr. Ash-  
 -kawa to give you his  
 opinion as to this. I  
 think from what you said  
 to me that you are of  
 opinion that it will be  
 of great benefit.

government to have a better  
system of accounts. It may  
possibly occur that the terms  
of my new proposition may  
not suit your views or those  
of the Privy Council. In  
that case perhaps some  
modified plan might be  
sent by you to the am-  
-bassador. So far as I  
am personally concerned, I  
am quite willing to leave

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duties in Japan about 1880 if

It will at once be seen  
that if this proposition should  
be carried into effect, the  
expense will be comparatively  
trifling & the advantage to  
the government in having  
officials who understand  
accounts & banking matters  
will be considerable even if  
the government should not  
immediately re-organise their  
system of accounts. But

if they should decide upon  
doing so the importance of  
having such officers can  
hardly be overestimated. - Any  
difficulty that there may be  
about Mr. Shand's sickness  
will be obviated by the  
Japanese ambassador seeing  
him personally from time to  
time & satisfying himself  
that the work is progressing. -

Mr. Stearns "Hindostan"  
near Aden 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1873

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myself in the hands of the  
government & I hope no  
difficulties about my salary  
will be allowed to stand  
in the way of the carrying  
out of the scheme if the  
government believe it to be  
a good one. - I do not  
think the government will  
find that I shall expect  
to receive any sum which  
they will think unduly  
large.

Upon my arrival in London I shall call upon the Japanese ambassador and hand him a copy of this letter & memorandum. I should feel greatly obliged if you would be so kind as to communicate to me through your legation in London what decision has been arrived at in this matter. If the government should determine to proceed

with it this will be of importance unless my leave should be extended therefore it might be desirable to send a brief telegram to the ministry authorising him to proceed. I need only say in conclusion that I shall regard it as a great mark of confidence if the government should decide to entrust me with the duty



& I hope the result will  
prove that I am have not  
been unworthy of it.

I may add that  
my health has gradually  
improved since I left Japan  
& I am now much stronger  
than when I had the  
pleasure of seeing you. -

believe me,

My dear Sir,  
Yours very sincerely & respectfully  
A. A. A. A. A.

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Okuma Kachitaro - Saugi  
Chief Commissioner of U. S. Fin.  
Treasury.

Kindly forwarded by Mr. Yamaori.