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D. E.
Okuma Eggo
Minister of Public Works

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing you, as I understand from Mr. Ura, that you propose despatching a vessel to Australia for sheep, horses & bulls in about 100 days from the present time - About eighteen months ago Mr. Brooke and myself had a long talk with you on the subject of cattle, and I hope that the information we then gave, has induced you to decide on sending to Australia for animals - I shall be ready to wait on you at any time you may choose to name, if you would like to discuss the matter more fully, and I am ready to offer myself, to accompany the officers and people you may choose to send, and I am sure through the introductions which Mr. Brooke will be happy to give, to Members of the Victorian Government, we shall have all the best facilities for procuring the animals - good & cheap - I would suggest that, as there is a demand for several parts of the Country for foreign animals, the Government should allow the animals on arrival in Yedo, to be sold at cost price, by this means the Country could become well stocked without any cost to the

Government - and further I suggest, that
the steamer (as a steamer should be engaged
in the service of this kind) should take from
Japan, produce of the country in small
quantities for sale in Australia; and also
~~also~~ a few farmers, gardeners, & miners who could
gather a deal of information, which would be
of great value in Japan -

Hoping you will excuse the liberty I have
taken in addressing you,
Remain

Dear
Your obedient servant
W. H. Smith

March 7. 1871.