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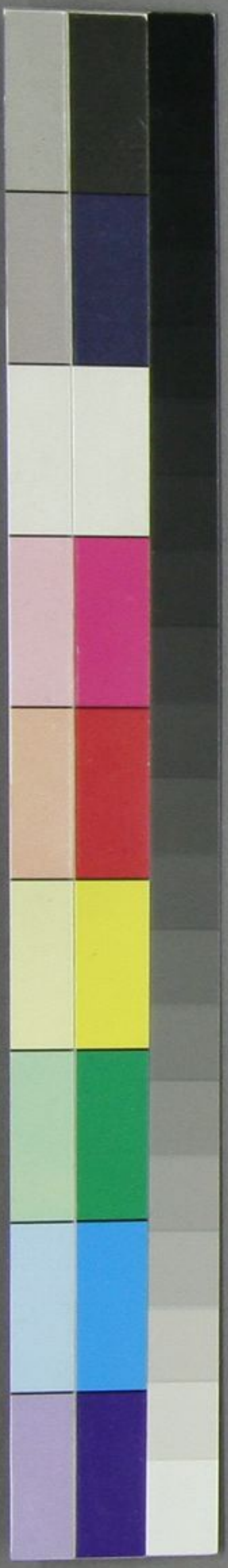
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Tokio, 11th December, 1874.

Mr. E. Hirai,
Seaimusho,
Tokio.

My Dear Sir:

I have to apologize for not having sooner attended to the request which you made of me the other day. I trust that you will pardon me for this apparent remissness when I assure you that a great press of business and the meagre material for information which I have at hand, have rendered it impossible for me to sooner comply with your desire. On inquiry of Mr. Bingham, I ascertain the correctness of what I told you at the time of your visit, viz.: that the reception of the armies of General Grant and Sherman at Washington D.C., at the close of our civil war, ~~was~~ was not accompanied by any other ceremonies than those generally attendant upon a large review of troops. A large scaffolding was erected in front of the President's house which was profusely decorated with flags, streamers &c. &c. On this were the President, his Cabinet Ministers, distinguished members of both Houses of



Congress. Before this passed the troops, saluting the President as they passed. The city and its suburbs were, of course, decorated and ornamented with flags, flowers &c. &c. As the troops numbered about 200000 there were no banquets given to them generally, although the Cabinet Ministers held levees (receptions) which were very largely attended by the officers. The President himself received his Cabinet and the general officers of the army immediately after the review. At this reception there ~~was~~ was no formal speech-making, congratulations of course being informally interchanged by the President, his Ministers, and the Diplomatic Corps.

These comprise all the important details, as I remember them. I regret that they are so few, and can hardly hope that they will

be of any considerable use to you.

Again apologizing for my unavoidable delay. I take pleasure in subscribing myself

Yours Very Truly,

D. W. Stevens

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