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Yokohama Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 1874

Dear Mr. Hirai -

Herewith I send to you  
the particulars & drawings of  
the ironclad ship concerning  
which I gave you copies of a  
Telegram a few days ago -

The vessel is small but has  
very heavy guns & thick plating  
& having large horse power  
must be a very formidable ship.

The Telegram shows that this  
ship was not sold a few days  
ago so that you can get her  
if you want her, and at a  
cheap price - Shall I go up  
to-morrow & see you & Mr. Osanna  
about it? - Very truly  
yours  
J. J. D.

I see that you, or some other  
Department, continue to buy  
steamers - Do not forget  
that we have a fine vessel  
the "Courier" to sell - She  
arrived two days ago from  
Kamtschatka - Mr. Kricho  
knows all about her -

We have also a small  
fast steamer, the "Japan",  
excellent for a dispatch  
boat - I tell you of her latter  
because a Capt. Croker came to  
us a few days ago & asked if  
she was for sale -

Yours  
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Yokohama Oct 30/74

Dear Mr. Hiram -

Enclosed I send to you  
what my brother & I think the  
best plan for the purchase of  
the vessel - The plan seems  
simple & the business, while there  
is no declaration of war, is  
simple enough - I believe  
there will be no difficulty in  
getting this vessel promptly  
if she is found to be good and  
suitable - Do send Telegrams  
strongly to our Agents as this  
point & as I told you to day.  
You can entirely depend upon  
our Agents Competency & discretion.  
The address of our Agents is

Eastern Agency Limited

No. 1 Jeffrey's Square

London

but, for a Telegram, it will be  
sufficient to tell your Charge  
to see Bosman 1 Jeffrey's Square.

Mr. Bosman is the Chief Manager  
of the Eastern Agency -

If you like I can send a  
Telegram to Mr. Bosman telling  
him to call on your Charge d'affaires  
immediately. If you wish me  
to do this please send me a Telegram  
to-night or tomorrow morning -

Thanks for what you said to Mr.  
Oshima. I will go up to-morrow  
& see you at the Palais-Royal -

Very truly  
Yours,  
D. G. Walsh

Translation of Telegram Rec<sup>d</sup>. from  
London Nov<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1874 -

The ironclad is in the Mediterranean  
I have proposed to the Charge d'Aff.  
to go there with Surveyors from  
Lloyds & Veritas to examine her.

The Charge has telegraphed for  
instructions to his Government -

Please arrange with the Govt.

The Chinese Govt. has purchased  
the ironclad from Denmark -

W. H. G.

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Particulars of an Iron Clad Gun Boat.  
5 years old, having been little used is as good  
as new.

200 feet long

33 " wide

20 " deep.

300 Horse Power, nominal.

1044 Tons Burthen.

Armour plating. 6 inches thick.

2 12½ Ton Armstrong Guns, throwing 300 pound shot.

Armour backing of Cash India Teak, horizontal plank

10 inches thick

The ship could be transferred in England to the Japanese Flag, making the Bill of Sale in the name of the Charge' d' affaires

It would then be necessary to put some one on board as representative of the Japanese Flag, and any one authorized by the Charge' d' Affaires to take that position would be recognized by the British Authorities -

This being arranged, the Sailing Master Engineers, and Crew could be engaged and sent on board by our Agents, who, without doubt, would be able to engage such a crew, although they might have to pay higher wages than would be demanded for a Merchant Ship

If necessary or thought desirable a full Japanese Crew could be sent to meet the vessel at Singapore, Point de Galle or Aden and the British Crew then sent home.

For the purchase of the ship we think it would be sufficient if the Government provided a Bank Credit to be used by the Charge' d' Affaires and our Agents jointly.

Our Agents should be furnished with a further Credit for the cost of Equipment

and provisions, and the Engagement  
of the Crew, as well as for supplies of Coal  
and provisions en route -

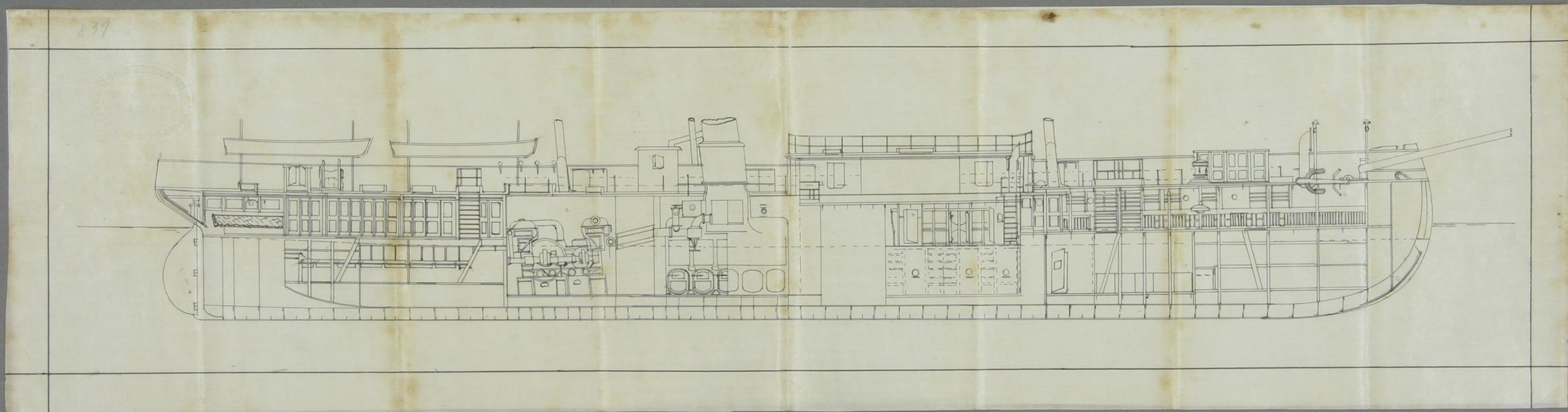
We can probably arrange here for  
such Credits if authorized by the  
Government to do so -

In ordering the purchase of the  
Ship it will be necessary to provide that  
Ammunition and everything requisite  
for the Complete Outfit of a man of war  
should be likewise ordered, and this we  
could do by telegraph without difficulty -

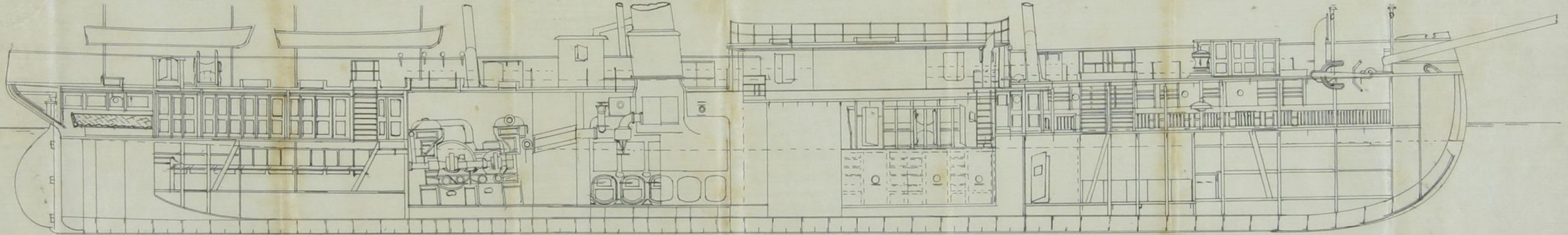
Our Agents are trustworthy and  
reliable men, and we think it would  
be more advantageous for the Government  
that the negotiations for the purchase of  
the ship and Equipment should be made  
entirely by them, they consulting and getting  
the approval in every thing of the Japanese  
representative - In this way the purchase  
would not only be effected at the lowest  
price, but public talk and perhaps inter-  
ference would be avoided -

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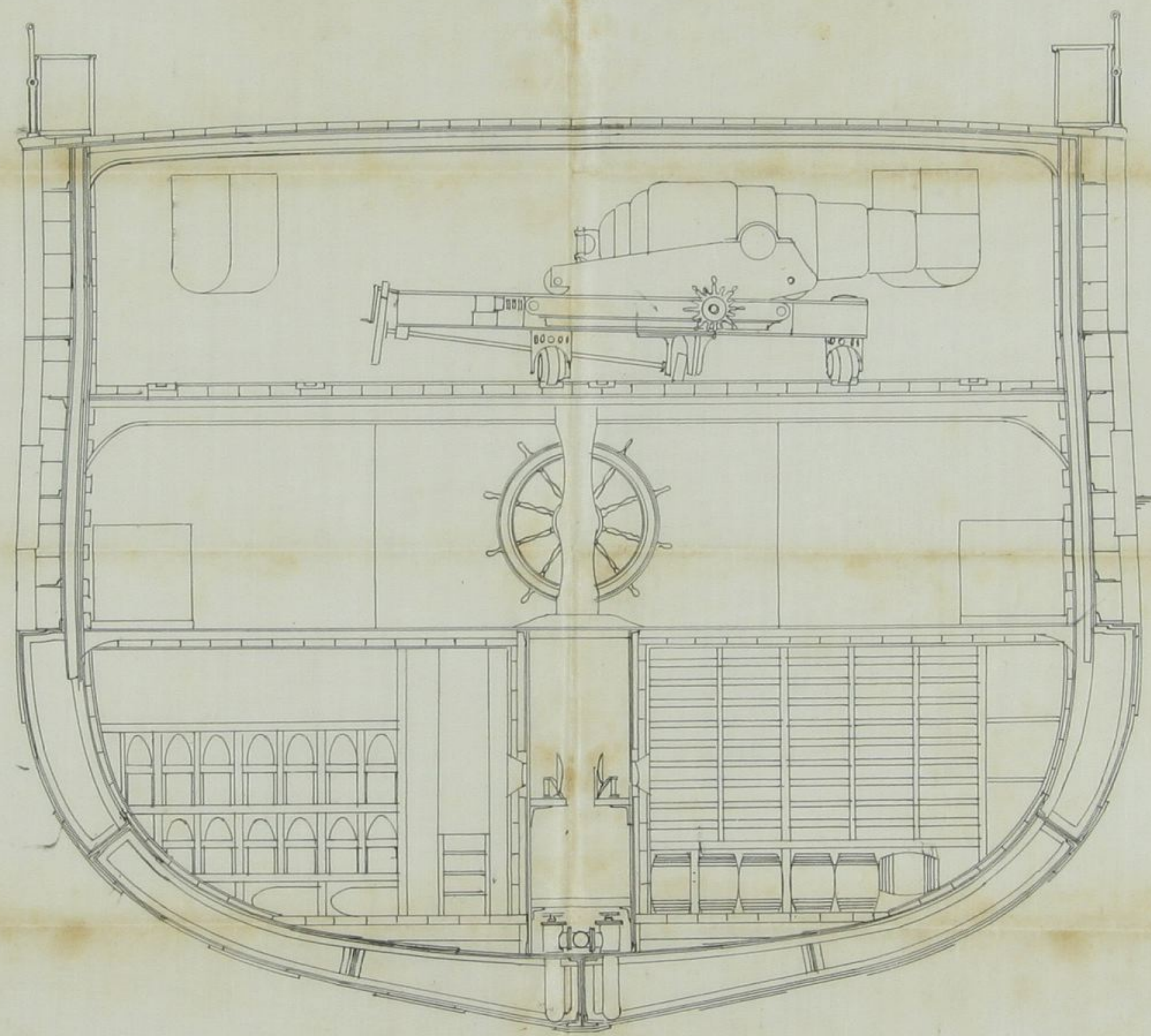




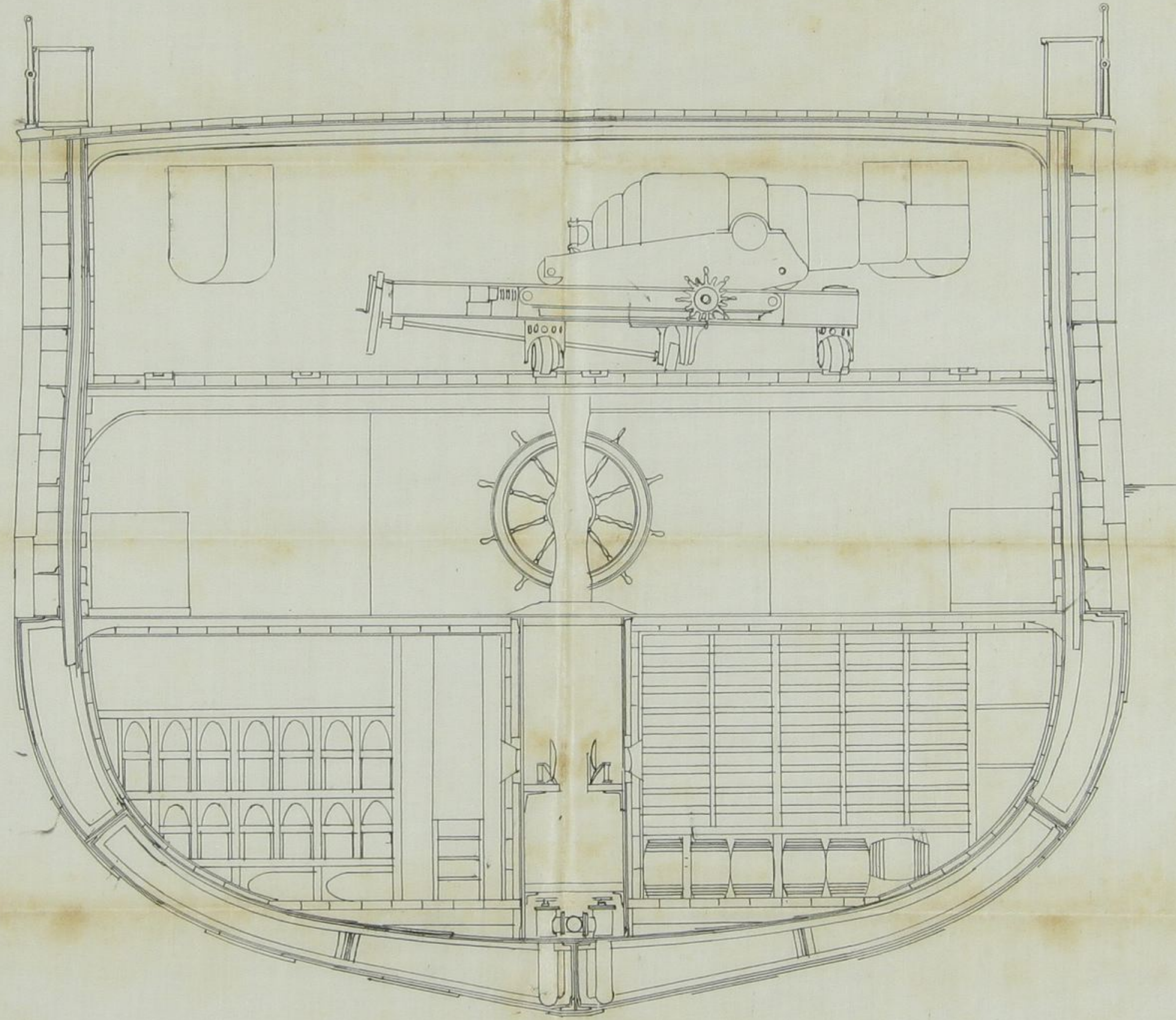
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英國ニ於テ之ヲ引渡シ日本國旗ヲ揚ケシムル  
ヲ得可シ

然ル時ハ日本國ノ名代人トシテ何人タリ其  
船中ニ遣ハスニ必要ニシテ代理公使ノ特ニ選  
任セル者ハ英國官吏之ヲ聽認ス可シ

右ノ手續成就シタル上ニテ余等ノ代理者右船  
長器械方水夫等ヲ雇入レ之ヲ船中ニ遣ハス可  
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ニ少量ノ雇賃ヲ出サハ右乗組人ヲ雇入ルニ

ヲ得可キニ疑ナシ

若シ又日本ノ乗組人ヲ送ルノ必要ナル歟又ハ  
其有益ナル時ハシンガポール又ハホインド、デ  
カール又ハアデン迄其乗組人ヲ遣ハシ其処ヨ  
リ英吉利ノ乗組人ヲ歸國セシムルヲ得可シ

余等案スルニ船買入レノ為メニハ政府ヨリ代  
理公使ト余等カ代理者ト共ニ用フヘキ銀行証  
票ヲ供備セハ夫レニテ事足ルヲ得可シ

又政府ヨリ余等カ代理者ニ糧裝糧備水夫雇入  
ノ費用及ヒ途中ニテ用フル石炭糧物等ノ買入

費用ノ為メ更ニ銀行証券<sup>票</sup>ヲ供備ス可シ

余等右ノ事ニ付キ政府ノ許ルシヲ得ハ当地ニ  
テ右銀行証券<sup>票</sup>ヲ得ルノ手續ヲ為シ得可シト思  
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船買入ノ事ヲ注文スルニ付テハ又軍艦ノ機装  
ヲ全備スルニ必要ナル軍需品其外一切ノ物ヲ  
備ヘサル可カラズ而シテ其注文ノ儀ハ容易ニ之  
ヲ電報スルヲ得可シ

余等ノ代理者ハ信賴スルニ足ル可キ人物タレ  
ハ其代理者何事ニ限ラス日本欽差ニ相談ニ具

承諾ヲ得テ船ノ買入及ヒ機装等ノ談判ヲ全ク  
擔當スル時ハ政府ノ為メ利益多シト思ハル又  
然ル時ハ極メテ廉價ニ買入ヲ為シ得可キノコ  
トラス彼此世上ニ取沙汰ノ起ルヲ防キ且ツ他  
ヨリ右買入ニ干渉スルノ患ナカル可シ

千八百七十四年十月三十日 横濱ニ於テ

長官



御用急



本野代理公使に附電報索

ロンドン ゼフリリススケエル一番地 ボスミン  
氏より甲鉄艦賣物に申立あり急同  
人、面會して其船果して良好堅固價  
値安慮ナルヤ何人より所持アリシヤ諸般  
取調の上買入方より見込當委詳報告  
可し

蕃地事務局

甲鉄炮船明細書

此船五ヶ年ノ歳数を経たんと雖も  
格別使用を經たし故新規製造し  
物を異なりなし

船長 二百一十

中 三十三

深 二十

馬力 三百ノ三十九

大 千四百四十噸

甲鉄厚 六

蕃地事務局

アルムストロング包  
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