

Yokohama
22nd October 1840

To
Their Excellencies
The Ministers of Finance
Tokei

I have the honor to place in your hands certain samples of United States Treasury notes, National Bank notes and Bonds engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company together with a copy of their letter addressed to me containing proposals for performing similar work for the Japanese Government.

The American Bank Note Company is known throughout the world, and is justly celebrated for the exact and skillful manner in which it executes all work entrusted to its care, the most unlimited confidence is placed in its management and I do not hesitate to state my belief that it can be fully depended upon for honesty and integrity.

In submitting this proposal and the accompanying proofs of work to your Excellencies I am actuated by a desire to see an improvement in the paper currency

currency of Japan, which is now so
cheaply executed as to be easily
and frequently counterfeited, thereby
causing great trouble, confusion
and loss to the Government.

Should the officers of
Finance desire further information
on this subject I shall be most
happy to communicate with any
one of them whenever required.

With respect and esteem

E. S. Benson.