

(Dictated)

New York, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1888.

My dear Mr. Hayashi,

On my return from my travels, I found your favor on 25<sup>th</sup> ulto., and I beg you will excuse the delay I have made in making you the remittance.

I enclose a copy of your bill - the printed part of it is an exact copy, that in pencil and red ink, is memorandums made at this office. I find everything all right, excepting a Stand against which you put a question mark, as to the number, which is invoiced at 86 Yens. This Stand only measures 9 inches by 7 inches and 2 1/2 inches high. It is the smallest and less expensive of them all. It is worth about \$8. or \$10. here - Is there not in copying from your original papers a mistake? And should it not be 8.60 Yens instead of 86 Yens ? And therefore should not this cost in United States money be \$10.32 instead of \$103.20? Say a difference of \$92.88 in total amount of bill. Or if the mistake is not in this way, is it not for some other Stand, or article which has been put against this by mistake ?

I leave this to be settled on your return next June, and now remit you, which I charge to your account £ 60. Cost of which is \$293.<sup>10</sup> and any differences can be settled then.

You refer to work done at your house, which I suppose refers to a revision in part or whole of the catalogue of Bronzes.

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I suppose this was in making corrections and changes. It is impossible for me to know how much time you have devoted to it, and therefore it would be impossible for me to judge what the compensation should be. You know what you have done, and therefore are better able to know what would be right charge ; and therefore I depend upon you to do so.

I am further under the impression that you have not rendered a memoranda of the time you employed in catalogueing [sic] some pieces of Jade and Lacquers, which you did during this last winter. This you can also look and give me a memorandum at your convenience now, or when you come in June.

Please let me know when you expect to come as I shall be away the greater part of June, and about the middle of that month I shall go upon my foreign travels. However, I will have everything arranged so that all you need to do is to see Albert, and

he will furnish you every facility required; as during that month he will probably be the only one in the house, as the family will then be absent. At present it is my intention to be at Chicago and the west during the last ten days of May and the first ten days of June, but this will not prevent you giving all the time you can to my catalogues, for which I shall feel very grateful.

I am

Very truly yours

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