To
The Superintendent
of Customs
Nagasaki

Sir

We Merchants here Mess.rs having arrived at this port before the Fourth of July 1859 I consider the cargo as free from duties mentioned in the late Treaty. But as a question has arisen in each Cargo liable to duties on hand, I beg to say, that I am ready to give a bond to the effect

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That Cargo that may have arrived at Nagasaki or Kanagawa before the Fourth of July 1859. shall pay duties, and provided that such is the case my Bond shall cause the duties on Cargo per "Mary" July 2nd 1859.

Secondly

Should it be ascertained that such Cargoes as are above mentioned have not paid duties my Bond is to be returned and no duties to be paid on Cargo per "Mary"

A full & true account of all Cargo to be rendered to the Customs House should such Bond be accepted

Yrs &c
E. H. Gilbertson

Nagasaki July 7th 1859

His Excellency
R. Brown
Esq
&c &c &c

I am authorized
Pembroke Thomson Esq H.B.M. Consul

question and

U.S. Consular Court
Hakodadi July 8th 1869

In Complaint of
Ichida Eminokami
Governor & Collector of Customs
vs. Ch. A. Fletcher & Co's
Respondents

Alledges that Respondents have landed goods from Bark Maury without entry at Custom House and receiving a permit as required by treaty

Has sold goods from said Bark to other Vessels in the Harbor befor making the proper Entry

That they have bought and transferred goods from a Vessel in this harbor, that has no treaty with Japan without having a permit so to do

Claims duty on Cargo landed and stored in March last but unsold

Claims, that no person has the right to sell