Court

Consulate of the United States of America,

E PLURIBUS UNUM

AT HAKODADI, JAPAN.

Hakodadi, Japan, Nov. 28th 1860

Complaint of the Governor of Hakodadi versus Cr. of Barque Lucy C. Ashley.

Assault on a Coolie etc by Kizer sailor.

Decision of court

It appears clearly that the coolies went down into the hold of the ship where they had no business, that two comforters had been stolen. The men asked liberty to search the six coolies, five of the coollies opened their clothes, the sixth refused and pushed the sailor who went to search them, nearly into the hold of the ship, after which the sailor struck the coolie.

It is clearly the opinion of the court, that the coolie made the first assault, therefore the coolies are to blame and the prisoner Kizer is acquitted, according to United States law.

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U.S. Consul

U.S. CONSULATE HAKODADI JAPAN

U. Comd Agency
Bahadade, Decr 14th 1860.

To His Excellency
The Governor of Bahadade

Sir

Very serious complaints are entered at this Agency by C. A. Fletcher, Merchant in reference to the building of his new house. The Carpenter who contracted to build the house, agreed to do it in Eighty days time from commencement - he has now been about One hundred and twenty days, already, and is but little more than half finished! Mr. Fletcher complains that the Carpenter does not try to finish his house - Keeps but four or five men at work for him, whilst he has undertaken other jobs of work elsewhere, employing his men thereon! It is hoped that your Excellency will cause this man to perform his duty toward Mr. Fletcher, furnish more men, and speedily complete his house, before the severity of Winter is upon us.

Stated with respect

W. R. Pelly
U. C. Agt.