Thomas Blake Glover and His Family

~From the Viewpoint of the Satsuma Students~

It was young Thomas Blake Glover who arranged motor sailing vessels for the Satsuma students' voyage to Britain and helped them in many ways. The reason why he supported them so much is thought to be due to his strong friendship with Tomoatsu Godai.

After the Satsuma Students' arrival in Britain, Glover's brother helped them with the negotiation and arrangement of their overseas education and inspection. Moreover, Glover's family who resided in Aberdeen, Scotland, accepted Kanaye Nagasawa who was the youngest member (13 years old) to their home and had him go to a junior high school in the town. They gave him loving care and support.

The strong bond, thus created, had a positive effect on the Japan's Industrial Revolution of the Meiji the Students significantly contributed to.

The special exhibition on the second floor clearly shows the connection between the Satsuma Students and Thomas Blake Glover and his role which he played in the modernization of Japan and Satsuma. You will appreciate some of our valuable exhibited items and documents.

We are looking forward to your visit.

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