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 Correspondence
 of the
 International Hotel
 Lohofma 19th of November
 Excellency
 Annkma Tomosada
 My leave to express to you
 Excellency my sincere sorrow that
 I had the misfortune to be un-
 able to avail myself of the
 invitation to dinner with which
 you had the goodness to honor
 me. The unaffected regret which
 I feel is greatly deepened since
 hearing that you Excellency had
 the kindness to wait for my
 arrival and I can only hope
 that you will find in the fact



of a return of my recent illness a sufficient excuse for the delatory movements which caused me to miss the train at the proper hour for leaving Yokohama.

My speedy departure upon duty for the South seems to render it impossible that I should have the honor of calling upon Your Excellency in person but I sincerely hope that upon my return I may be permitted to do so.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's Obedt & Affctd Servant
D. J. S. M. Service

D. G. Cassel
Yokohama

19th Nov 1874

Expressing regret
at not being able
to accept invitation
to dinner
