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To the Honorable

Chief of Police,
Tokio.

Sir:

Having been informed that you have been making inquiries relative to the robbery at my house some eight months ago, I beg to furnish you with the following brief statement of facts.

One morning in the beginning of April last when I awoke, I discovered that I had been robbed
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during the preceding night, of several articles, consisting of an over-coat, an under-coat, a vest, a pair of trousers, a seal skin cap, a pair of shoes, a large silver Japanese pipe and a purse containing thirty-five rios and a number of receipts and letters, the whole being valued at a little over One hundred rios. I immediately caused my loss to be notified to the police, who set about discovering the culprit, but without success. The robbery, so far as could be ascertained, took place at about two o'clock in the morning, at which time the gate-keeper, hearing a noise outside his door, went out and found the gate to the compound open and the lock broken. At the same time he saw

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a man running down the street as if desirous to escape. Suspecting something wrong, he came to my servants' quarters and found that my cook, a man named Tomokichi (友吉), belonging to Odawara Ken (小田原 郡), in Soshu (相州), was absent. On placing his hand between the blankets of the cook's bed, he noticed that they were quite warm, as though they had just been vacated. My cook returned to the house at six o'clock the next morning and proceeded about his work as usual. A day or two after this, the police, who had been informed of the circumstances connected with the absence of my cook and very naturally suspected him to be the offender, arrested

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arrested him and took him to the Saibansho, where he was examined and imprisoned for several days, without, however, eliciting any other result than a continual reiteration of his innocence. He was accordingly discharged, and I dismissed him from my service. I have never seen him since, but am credibly informed that he is now in Yokohama. Notwithstanding that suspicion pointed so strongly towards him as the man who stole my property, I myself do not think that he was the real culprit, though he possibly might have been an accomplice.

Shortly after this affair, the duties of my position obliged me
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to go to Nagasaki, where I remained for about six weeks. On my return I allowed the matter to drop and had almost forgotten the affair, when it was recalled to my mind by the inquiries you have been pleased to make on the subject.

Pegging that you will pardon me for taking up so much of your valuable time with my affairs,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Richard David Jr.