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He. E. Count Okuma.

Your Excellency,

According to your most kindly letter of last night, in which was stated that "the matter was arranged" with the Shūeisha, I sent to them early this morning, and received the enclosed reply, which is quite contrary to what was written in your Excellency's favour.

What am I to do? How am I to act? I am in despair at troubling your Excellency so often.

Very sadly but very gratefully  
Your Excellency's servant,  
J. W. Eastlake.