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His Excellency

Count Okuma,

Very dear Sir,

Knowing
that you have so many im-
portant matters claiming your
time and attention I dislike
to trouble Your Excellency
in any way; indeed I only
wish that I might increase
Your Excellency's happiness.
Having the highest opinion of
Your Excellency's abilities and
superior qualifications as a
Statesman I regret that I am
not yet a champion for your
party - which fact may make
you dear Count as I am
only a woman!

I write to your Excellency

to day to ask if you will kindly
permit me to have my trunk,
pictures and other articles
from your Kura, where they
lie in darkness and useless,
while they might brighten my
modest little home. My
~~heart~~ tells me that you
will willingly grant me this
favor and in return, dear
Count Okuma, if in any
way I can serve you I shall
be most happy to do so.
My pretty little grandchildren
were delighted with your
gracious reception and
send their compliments
to your Excellency and the
Dear Countess.

With highest esteem
Believe me

Always
A. Rose Eastlake

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His Excellency
Count Okuma

from
Mrs Eastlake