

Yokohama 20 June.



Dear Sir,

I have the honour
to acknowledge and to
thank you for your very
kind and valued letter
yesterday, expressive
of your condolence with
me in the disaster
which has overtaken
me.

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Permit me to express
my high appreciation of
your courteous and friendly
act.

The misfortune would
be one which time could
repair, were it not for
the destruction of my
library, which, from long
companionship, had
become part of myself.

I venture to congrat-
ulate you, the Government
and the country, upon
the seasonable rain of
the past forty-eight
hours. I trust it may
prove a fruitful source
of prosperity, peace and
contentment to Japan.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your very obedient Servant

W. S. Howells.

To

Okuma Sigemobu

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His Excellency

Okuma Sigenobu

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Edo.



