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M. E. Okuma Shigenobu

to to to

Stakone 19th August 1874.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst on the subject of the arrangements entered into last year between the Government of His Imperial Majesty & myself.

In view of the very important bearings of this arrangement upon the interests, both present and future, of this Government, and my own connection with this country, strengthened as it now is by the connection I have lately had

announced to me with the London press, I
would respectfully ask you to appoint a
day and hour, at as early a date as is
convenient to yourself, on which I could
speak to you on this subject.

I shall leave Hakone for this purpose
tomorrow morning, and would ask you to
favor me with your reply to this letter
to my address in Yokohama.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient and ob^d Servant

L. S. Howell.
