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General

此本書ハ東京ニ於テ李仙得ニ引合テ送付

I beg to hand you herewith Mr. Okuma's despatch no 3, Nagasaki Series. In support of Mr. Okuma's proposition there is this much to say. Innumerable difficulties have been accumulated around you by Mr. Bingham, the United States Minister, and so long as the same have not been removed you will be prevented from joining the members of the Commission who have already left for Formosa, and who may meet with the saddest of fates on that inhospitable Coast should they be left there much longer without their chief. Now in doing me the honor to associate me with you in the Formosan Commission, His Imperial Majesty intended that I should afford you all the aid in my power; but so long as matters are not adjusted in Tokai and the Government is determined to yield to Mr. Bingham's unjustifiable pressure, it is clear that I can be of very little use to you here. If, on the contrary, I go to Tokai, there is ground to believe that, however unfit I may be for the mission which Mr. Okuma is willing I should undertake, I may with the aid and Co-operation of



of the leading members of the Gov-
ernment, yet meet with success and
thereby relieve you. Should you
concur with me in these views, I
would beg that you will so inform
me, and I will make arrangements
for my immediate departure.

I have the honour to be,
General
your most obedient servant
P. W. Le Gendre.

His Excellency
General Saigo
High Commissioner
etc etc etc.