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Tokio, July 8th, 1874.

Your Excellency:

With great respect, I
beg to ask for a leave
of absence of six weeks
from tomorrow, the 9th
instant, to take a sea
trip to Amoy in order
to recruit my health,
which has been very
much impaired by over-
anxiety during the past

few months.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your Excellency's

Most Obedient, humble servant,

Chu W. Le Centre

His Excellency,

Sanjo Saneyoshi,

Prime Minister.