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Translation

July 8th 1874

To

The Hon.

C. W. Le Gendre

Sir

I have the honor to
acknowledge receipt
of your letter of this
date in which you
asked the leave of
sixty days from ^{tomorrow} the
9th instant

I conceive from
it the bad state of
your health may be
caused by the over an-
xiety for not having
heard

heard the news from
your intimate friends
in Formosa and although
I appreciate ^{the} your condition
now you are under, but
as the ^{Formosan} affairs is now
under ~~the~~ deliberation
in the Council, I
hope, ^{therefore} you will post
pone your departure
of tomorrow, ^{for the present} the leave
you asked for will
be granted to you in
some other time

I shall feel
obliged if you will
call on me tomorrow
morning at about 8 o'clock
at my residence in
which occasion, I will
tell you something

in connection thereto

I have the honor to be,

sir

your obedient servant

(sealed) Okuma Shigenobu