

Yokohama April 14. 1874

Your Excellency

I have been daily expecting your visit to Yokohama, but it has probably been prevented by the bad weather. Should the rain cease I hope you will yet be able to give a day to the examination of the Yoshida Canal and land.

It is becoming daily more difficult for my house to wait for the large sum which the Owners of this land owe to us, and I shall be very glad, both for their sake and for our own, if the plans which I proposed to you can be considered soon and with favour.

Lately I have heard that the Foreign Ministers have met together to discuss the new plan of a Park instead of the formerly promised Public Garden, and that they are quite favorable to the change if it could be quickly decided upon and the work be begun.

To His Excellency

Sho Shi-i Okuma Shige Nobu
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With regard to the American Exposition
in 1876 I am collecting information, and
as soon as I shall have ascertained all the
facts, I shall prepare the letter which you
wished me to write on that subject.

With much respect I am
Your Excellency's

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His Excellency

Sho-Shi-i Okuma Shige Nobu

Minister of Finance

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