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Yokohama January 13<sup>th</sup> 1854

To His Excellency

Okuma Shigenobu  
Privy Counsellor of State

I take the liberty to inform Your Excellency that, my leave of absence of seven months having expired, I have returned to Japan at the beginning of this month and I would take this opportunity of again expressing my most sincere thanks for the very kind consideration, which Your Excellency has always extended towards me.

I would have done myself the honor to do so personally but I have re-entered upon the performance of my duties from the second day of my arrival, and moreover, knowing how many calls there are upon Your Excellency's time, I thought that to do so unless the object were a strictly official one, would hardly be justifiable.

I beg to be allowed to hope, in case the



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opportunity should arise for utilising the  
knowledge of tariff- and financial matters  
in general which my studies and experience  
have given to me, that Your Excellency will  
kindly deign to make use of my humble  
services and in doing so have

the honor to remain

Your Excellency's

Most obedient and

Most humble servant

Louis Wertheimer



17th Feb 1843

My dear Mother  
I received your kind letter  
of the 10th and was glad  
to hear from you. I am  
well at present and hope  
these few lines will find  
you the same. I have not  
much news to write at  
present. I am still in  
the same place. I have  
not much to do at present.  
I am, my dear Mother,  
ever affectionately,  
Your affectionate son,  
John Smith