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Your Excellency

I venture to send you
a letter which Mr Kato wrote
for me when I was staying with
my father in South Australia,
where he is governor. I was
unhappily prevented from going
to Japan, but am glad to
present an introduction to you,
tho I cannot do it personally.

In view of visiting Japan, I
spent some time studying the
Japanese laborers in Queensland,
to learn the advantages - both to
Japan & Australia - of their
employment. As you know, it is
a great question among
Australians, & my father's
government are trying to pass
a law for excluding Japanese,
& all Asiatics.
I have written in the Australian
newspapers advocating a moderate
course, & the Premier of South

Australia says he finds it very
difficult to pass the law.
I hope to see Mr Kato in London
soon, & to offer him a report on
the question; it would give me
the greatest pleasure to be of any
service to Japan, in which I
have taken the utmost interest
since visiting the country in 1893.
It is to be hoped that legislation
in Australia, injurious to Japan,
may be avoided, but the fear of
competition from cheap labour
is perhaps natural; & it is

this which influences the 'labour party.'

Allow me to say that it is a great disappointment to me not to make your personal acquaintance. However, I have

the pleasure of knowing many of your countrymen in England,

& (I hope) of helping them.

I hope your predecessor Count Mutton, whom I met, when staying with my cousin de Bunsen at the legation in Ohio, is well again.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Noel Buxton

His Excellency
Count Okuma,
Tokio, Japan.

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