

finally achieved. But now that the sword has been sheathed that quiet security and happiness once more reign over the land, let us enjoy these blessings by devoting all our energies to the less exciting but not less glorious avocation of peace and joining here together, with an enthusiastic appreciation of a part which is so dear to us, and which our souls yearning towards the bright future which we see before us, permit me to propose His Majesty's health.

10 January

My dear Mr. Hirai

I beg to hand you herewith one of the articles alluded to in our conversation with Mr. Saigo yesterday would you kindly hand the same to Mr. Okuma with request to communicate the same to the Prime Minister who, as you know is expected the desire to read it. Next mail expected to arrive at the end of the present month will

bring a more ~~exact~~ detailed account of Mr. Okuma negotiations

Very truly yours
Ch. W. Le Gendre.

Cebu January 13th 1875

Sentiments given at dinner at 9th inst.

Heretofore no one has ever doubted the personal bravery of the Japanese and fresh illustration of their high courage has occurred in the efforts of both the army and the navy during the late expedition, which had for its just aim and purpose vindication of the national honour and the redress of outrage committed against its hardy manhood by the voyages of Formosa

Hereafter no one be able to question the possession in an equal degree of highest order of civil capacity and diplomatic skill in state of affairs of great moment and difficult character for this is exemplified in the negotiations

negotiations attending the expedition which
have been now concluded with such a great
complete success

And as these efforts of Japan in both
 the military and civil field have shed so much
 lustre on the national arms and ~~reputation~~^{reputation}
 and on the Imperial Government of his Ma-
 jesty making the end of the old year glorious

So I trust that the new year will
 witness the same energy and patience and the like
 determination, applied to the work of civil reform
 and industrial progress and in forming and
perfecting a system of law which while it
demand's equal duties and obedience from all shall
also confer equal rights and equal protection to
every person within the national domain whether
he be nation born or a foreigner

C. W. Hill.

My dear Mr. Hirai

On Thursday last I sent a letter
 to Mr. Okuma as suggested by you, but I have no
 answer whatever

Will you do me the favour to inquire
 for Mr. Wretton Mr. Okuma will grant me the favour
 of a reply to my questions.

The case comes
 off before the English judge in Yokohama, on
 Tuesday morning the 19th, it having been postponed
 in consequence of the Mail for Europe closing
 on Monday evening.

Believe me

Yours truly

J. R. Black

17th January 1875