

Elliott Durand, Esquire,
Chairman National Business League,
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S i r :

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo requesting an expression of the opinion of the Secretary of State as to whether there should not be a law enacted or a change made in our Constitution, if necessary, to prevent States from involving the Federal Government in international complications with other governments, and to inform you in reply that the matter will be brought to the consideration of the Secretary of State upon his return and that further communication will be sent to you if the Secretary has any suggestions to offer,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT BACON,

Acting Secretary.

A true copy of
the signed orig-
inal. *Amc 2*

Oct. 14-16. Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 28, 1906.

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National Business League.

Suggests law enacted or change in Constitution, if necessary, to prevent states with local prejudices from involving our Federal Gov't in international complications requiring apologies from Washington, or perhaps war to settle. Asks expression personal opinion and advice as to policy of bringing before executive committee of National Business League. Encloses clipping, heading of article on recent protests from Japan.

MR. (Recd. Oct. 29, 1906)

Source: The National Business League

Treatment of Japanese in California.

Chicago, Ill.,

National Business League.

NOTE.—The remainder of the National Advisory Committee is printed in the annual report and membership list of the League, every important city in every state of the Union being represented.