

August 1, 1907.

*(Copy given the Acting Secretary)*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Here is a rough draft reply to the Japanese Chambers of Commerce. You may care to shape the reply to be made by the New York Chamber? If so, they might be made to mail their reply promptly and thereupon to publish the correspondence and thus to influence the replies of the other American Chambers.

You may possible care to look over these other papers. The unfavorable attitude of some of the British Colonies toward the Japanese begins to receive a little attention. Japanese officials try to dissuade Japanese from leaving Honolulu for Canada. The denying of licenses at San Francisco receives attention. The rumored voyage of battleships to the Pacific is variously commented on.

Other reports from Japan show marked celebration of the Franco-Japanese understanding, pleased reference to a Russo-Japanese entente, very gratified allusion to a reception of the Japanese squadron in Germany, where the Kaiser himself went on board and made much of the occasion, à-propos of which one newspaper (Government subsidised) asks, "Why should there not be a German-Japanese entente also?", All of which indicates the tendency to isolate us in the Far East.

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