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J. William Chambers
London S.W.

June 14th 1888

Dear Mr. Courtney,

I have sent to the Minister of Finance an official account of the steps taken in regard to the new loan. As you are aware, I have availed myself to the fullest extent of the services of W. Thomas Skinner in the same confidential way in which he assisted us, when, last year, we discussed the proposed conversion scheme.

For reasons with which you are acquainted he was the only person completely disinterested who possessed the financial knowledge to render me the assistance I required.

In consideration of the assistance and advice which W. Skinner has given to the Government from time to time, and more particularly in connection with our last four percent loan and during the negotiations which we had with the Financial Agents last year, I am ^{quite} sure that both the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance will approve of my having requested Messrs. Baring to include in the charges for brokerage on the present

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