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My dear Mr. Burleigh,

I have your kind letter of the tenth in which you have done me the honour of asking me to dine with the Pilgrims of the United States on the occasion of a farewell dinner to Sir Esme Howard at the Hotel Plaza, New York, on February twentieth next.

I am sorry to say that that date is altogether out of the question and much as I would like to be present it is impossible. On the occasion of his farewell visit to Canada Sir Esme and his party lunched with my wife and myself at our home.

During Sir Esme's term of office relations between the United States and Great Britain have, I believe, improved very much, and to Sir Esme a certain amount of credit for this must go.