

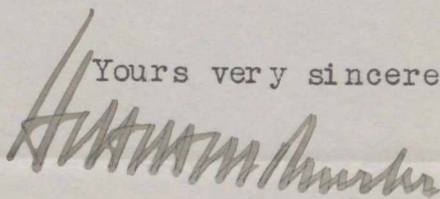
cellency, Mr. Sompati, Siamese Minister to Japan, that perhaps it would be more convenient to Their Majesties and to yourself to defer such presentation until after the departure of the ship, seeing that prior to departure there is always so much for the travellers to attend to. I hope in those respects I will merit your approval.

My wife and I will think very often indeed of your visit to us and I can only repeat what I said to you and Lady Currie on board the Empress yesterday afternoon that I hope such visit gave you and her one-quarter of the pleasure it gave us.

By coming to Tokyo and engaging in the many activities - perhaps too many for your liking - in which you did, you have very notably assisted my work in Japan; for that in addition I am exceedingly grateful.

Permit me to send you not only my sincere and loyal regards but also my affectionate wishes.

Yours very sincerely,



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