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Private

Ottawa, October 19, 1909.

Dear Mr. Berkeley Powell:

It is very kind of you to write me further in regard to the Country Club. I need hardly say that I feel it considerable of a privation to be obliged to hesitate in the matter of membership, particularly where the committee has been so generous as to pass my name, and when I see the names of so many of my friends on the membership list.

I do not mind saying to you, for I know you will understand, that it is only the question of want of sufficient means with me. For the moment, as a member of the Cabinet, my income is, to appearances, perhaps a fairly large one, but as a public man you will know the demands there are upon public men, and I find it little enough to get along with. I am not in the happy position of some of my colleagues, of having independent means or an income supplemented by

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