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Professor William E. Lingelbach,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Lingelbach:-

I acknowledge the receipt
of your telegram.

It is a matter of sincere regret to me to have to inform you that I was compelled to wire the Provost to-day that it was utterly impossible for me to attend the ceremonies mentioned. I would like very much to be present, not only for the privilege it would give me of meeting the staff of the University of Pennsylvania and the student-body, but because it offers a medium for saying something which might help relations between the people of the United States and of the British Empire.

It goes without saying that the proffered degree would be one to which I would attach the highest value. I have intimated to the Provost that, perhaps, on a future occasion he will do me the honour of repeating the invitation.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.