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Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Ransford Stevens Miller, Jr., June 22, 1909

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June 22, 1909.

Dear Ransford:

Many thanks for your interesting letter of May 13th
from Seoul. You must have had a very interesting trip and I was
very glad to have your comments on the situation in Korea.

Your letter of May third still remains unanswered. After
inquiries in the Bureau of Accounts I think there is no doubt that
it will be possible to give Mr. Davies $1800. I shall try to have
this definitely done in the near future for it would be a great pity
if you should lose your clerk now that you have a satisfactory one.

The appointment of Mr. Caldwell as Vice Consul General and
Interpreter at Yokohama will in no wise affect the salary of $1800
which Mr. Babbitt has hitherto received. A salary of $1500 has been
allowed Mr. Caldwell and this he may receive at any office to which
he may be assigned irrespective of any regular appropriation which the
office is allowed.

While the Department is unable at present to spare Mr. Wil-
liamson from Dalny it has promised Mr. Sampson that he will be sent to
Seoul as soon as practicable. Mr. Williamson's present nominal salary
of $1000 will be increased to $1500 as soon as he leaves Dalny. It was
not thought advisable to appoint him interpreter at this time on a salary
of $1500 as he is now receiving the full consular salary of $3500 and the
new appointment would mean only the making out of an additional bond which would cost several dollars and be of no advantage.

It seems odd that the perennial house tax question is again resurgent in a new form.

We are all working away in the heat of Washington without any very definite idea when the adjournment of Congress may make possible thoughts of vacations.

With many kind regards, I remain, always,

Your friend,

Ransford S. Miller, Jr., Esquire,
American Embassy,
Tokyo, Japan.