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Washington to C[illegible], June 28th

The Honorable William L. Merry,

Sanitarium,

Battle Creek, Mich.

Would it be entirely agreeable to you if another minister were now appointed to Costa Rica which post the exigencies of the service make it preferable not to leave longer vacant. If so, when you are well enough to resume work, which the department sincerely hopes will be soon, the department will arrange for your reentering the service at a suitable post in view of your long, faithful and highly appreciated services. I ask this question thinking it may be immaterial to you temporarily to retire inasmuch as by law no salary can now be paid, but I hope you will answer quite frankly since I desire to give every consideration to your own feelings in the matter. Kindly telegraph answer today if convenient.

Knox.

Battle Creek, Mich.

June 28, 1911.

The Honorable

The Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Impossible at present to return to Costa Rica. Thanks for your kindness and appreciation. Must remain here until health improved. Resignation of commission in your hands meanwhile accounts with auditor settled.

William L. Merry.