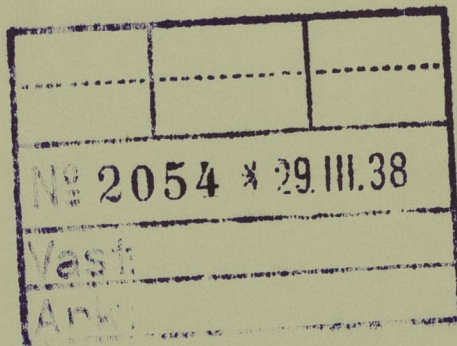


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Dear Governor: -

Is there any chance of your visiting or coming through Stockholm within the next week or so? I should so much like to see and talk to you once more.

Some time ago, in New York, Mr. Francis T. Cole, Vice-Pres. of the National Foreign Trade Association, mentioned that the Managing Director of the Finnish Export Association had been in New York to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Finnish-American Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cole thought I might be a good man to take charge of such a bureau (the heads of similar chambers are usually styled "Secretary" in the U.S.A.). Before I had ever seen Finland, and had to content myself with studying conditions there by reading such printed matter as we got at the office in Copenhagen, I was thoroughly "sold" on Suomi. Finally, New York and London said: "Your reports on Finland have, for a long time, been so optimistic that we think you would better go up there and get acquainted with people and conditions at first hand." That was in the summer of 1922. You know what subsequently developed. You and I surely "did our bit" for Finland. What happened in 1929 I can not help, surely. You, if anyone, knows what a fight I put up with New York when they wanted to cancel Dehart's & Helsinki's credits. And I did get them extended too for long enough a time to enable you to arrange

matters by long-term loans with others who had some courage left.

The points I am trying to make are that I have once "sold" Finland to the U.S.A., that I never "let you down", as far as I personally am concerned, and that, even today, Finland could never find a more enthusiastic champion than I am. Furthermore, I have, during the time that I served as Svenska Handelsbankens "förtroendeman" in New York, gotten acquainted with the directors in all the New York banks of any importance and also with a great many others who would prove helpful.

So, if you do decide to go ahead with the idea of establishing a Chamber of Commerce in New York, I honestly believe that I can once more be of real service to Finland. Please let me know what you think of the idea.

With sincere regards to yourself, Mrs. Rytö and your esteemed colleagues, I remain

Yours faithfully,
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P.S. Naturally, if you find it advisable for me to come to Helsingfors in above regards, I shall do so.

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