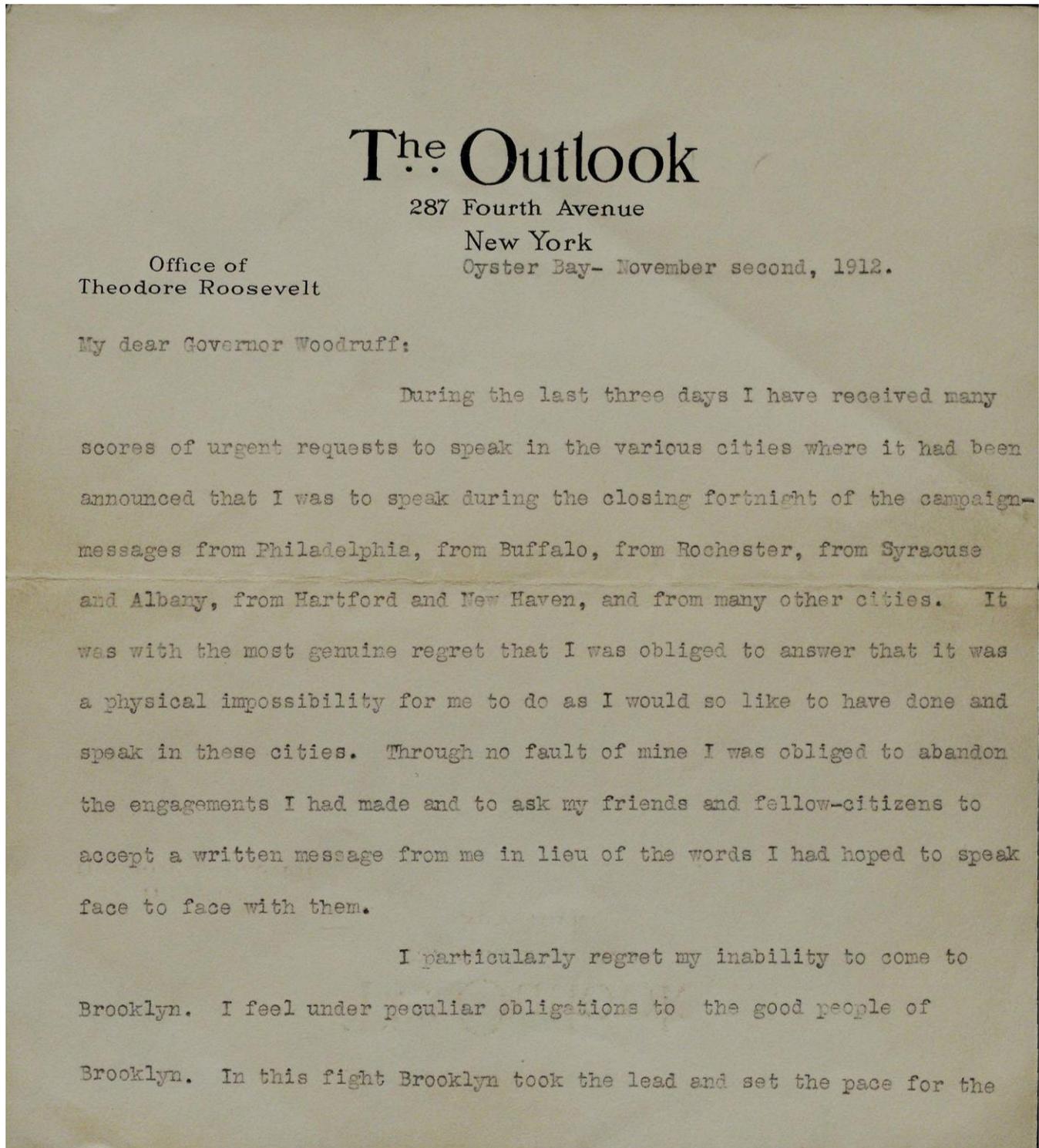


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and honorably, under conditions which will secure happiness and self-  
respect for them and for their children.

Very sincerely yours,

*Theodore Roosevelt*

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My dear Governor Woodruff:

During the last three days I have received many scores of. urgent requests to speak in the various cities where it had been announced that I was to speak during the closing fortnight of the campaign-messages from Philadelphia, from Buffalo, from Rochester, from Syracuse and Albany, from Hartford and New Haven, and from many other cities. It was with the most genuine regret that I was obliged to answer that it was a physical impossibility for me to do as I would so like to have down and speak in these cities. Through no fault of mine I was obliged to abandon the engagements I had made and to ask my friends and fellow-citizens to accept a written message from me in lieu of the words I had hoped to speak face to face with them.

I particularly regret my inability to come to Brooklyn. I feel under peculiar obligations to the good people of Brooklyn. In this fight Brooklyn took the lead and set the pace for the people of the rest of the State to follow. There has always been a high civic standard in Brooklyn, and I have always felt that I could appeal to the men and women of Brooklyn with the certainty that I was making an appeal to those whose belief in good citizenship was something very real and very genuine. Through you I desire to ask them to be patient with me at this time and to accept the will for the deed. It is not physically possible for me to address them as I so earnestly desired to do. I therefore send them this message of greeting and I ask them to stand with us in this great contest for the right of the American People to rule themselves. We are warring for the overthrow of bossism and special privilege both in public and in private life. We are endeavoring to make this a genuine democracy, not merely a political democracy but an industrial democracy, to eliminate special privilege in business and in politics alike, to equalize opportunity and to try to get for every man and every woman in this broad land the chance to live their lives usefully and honorably, under conditions which will secure happiness and self-request for them and for their children.

Very sincerely yours,  
Theodore Roosevelt

Hon. Timothy L. Woodruff,