The Business, Life and Letters of Frederick Cornes

ASPECTS OF THE EVOLUTION OF COMMERCE IN MODERN JAPAN, 1861–1910

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