

No. 125.

ESPECIAL COMMISSION FROM THE SUPREME GOVERNMENT OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC—NUMBER 5, RESERVED.

Although, in accordance with my duty, I propose to give the supreme government an authentic account of all the expenses I have incurred in the execution of the commission with which I am charged, I now only communicate to you, for the information of the President and in solicitation of his supreme approbation, in regard to the drafts accepted by the United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company, which I disposed of in the following manner :

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Twenty thousand dollars to my agent, citizen Jesus Fuentes y Muniz, for the establishment of the agency of the supreme government, with an annual salary of four thousand dollars in paper money; to a head bookkeeper, \$2,000; an assistant, \$1,500; and to pay the debts of the prisoners of war in France, and aid for those who come to this city with the intention of continuing in the service, and to celebrate the anniversary of the 16th of September in this city ;
* * * * * two hundred thousand dollars sent this day to the citizen minister of finance for the expenses of the supreme government; sixteen thousand dollars for the establishment in this city of a paper to defend the Mexican cause.

I shall also have to incur other expenses in purchasing arms and munitions of war, travelling expenses of chiefs and officers, commission and brokerage to persons who have interested themselves in the business. All these expenses will be in American paper money, and I mention it so that the supreme government may make the proper discount in paying salaries from its treasury.

Each one of these objects has seemed to me of such importance and urgency in the national cause that I have been induced to make these expenses, hoping the citizen President may condescend to approve them.

I protest to you my consideration and esteem.

Liberty and reform! New York, August 9, 1865.

JOSE M. J. CARVAJAL.

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT
of the Mexican Republic, Chihuahua.

PASO DEL NORTE, March 12, 1866.

A true copy :

JUAN VALDEZ, *First Officer.*

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 126.

[Translation.]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT—SECTION FIRST.

No. 2.]

I received yesterday the communication which you addressed to me from New York, No. 5, dated August 9, of this year, relative to the approval by the executive of the disposal which you had made of a portion of some drafts accepted by the "United States and West Virginia Land and Mining Company," which

drafts you held, in virtue of the agreements which you attempted to negotiate with Mr. Daniel Woodhouse, as the representative of said company, and which you communicated to me with your note number one of the same date.

I have only received your two said communications, numbers 1 and 5; but I presume that your numbers 2, 3, and 4 are not missing nor lost, but that you numbered three other communications with these numbers, which you addressed to the ministry of war.

The citizen President of the republic has determined that I should say to you that he cannot approve of the disposal referred to, which you wished to make of a portion of said drafts, both because the making of this disposal was not within your faculties and authorizations, and because, as I indicate to you in another communication which I address to you to-day, numbered 1, the citizen President has declared that, for the same reason that the agreements referred to are not made in accordance with your character and authority, from which such drafts emanated, the said agreements have been and are null, and they have not and cannot produce any binding effect upon the republic.

Independence and Liberty! Paso del Norte, September 15, 1865.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

The Citizen General JOSE M. DE J. CARVAJAL, *New York.*

PASO DEL NORTE, March 12, 1866.

A true copy :

JUAN VALDES, *Chief Clerk.*

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 127.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT, BUREAU OF RELATIONS—AMERICAN SECTION.

No. 134.]

PASO DEL NORTE, March 12, 1866.

In notes number 681, of December 22, and numbers 40, 53, and 63, dated the 18th, 23d, and 27th of January following, with their annexes, you communicated to me a new incident that had occurred in the arrangements which the citizen General José M. de J. Carvajal sought to conclude with Mr. Daniel Woodhouse, who pretended to represent a certain company called "The United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company," in regard to a railroad grant, and other concessions, and in relation to a loan with the issue of Mexican bonds, which agreements were declared null by the government, as I informed you on the 15th of September last.

The citizen President of the republic was duly informed of what was communicated in those notes of yours, and he approved of your conduct in the care which you took to oppose Mr. Andrew Cassard's pretensions, as agent of the company, and to notify him that, although he might confer upon the subject with the citizen Francisco Zarco, a resident of New York, who could communicate to you what he might tell him, nevertheless it was to be understood that whatever might be the sense and the terms of his conferences with citizen Zarco, yet it would be altogether quite necessary for you to decide the case.

Hoping to see the most that you might communicate to me on the subject, I wished to delay the answer to your first notes alluded to, relating to the pretended reclamations of the company. With my note number 321, of the 15th of Septem-

ber last, I sent to you a copy of the communication which I addressed to the citizen General Carvajal, of the same date, under number one, on the declaration of nullity of those agreements. In concluding what I had said in that declaration, I informed you that I then made known the manifest motives of nullity, referring to the title and powers of General Carvajal, with this reservation, that if it should seem proper and necessary in future to express the other motives there might be for annulling said conventions, either on account of the character and authorization of that same General Carvajal, or on account of the form and nature of the documents of the convention, or the want of personality and powers of Mr. Woodhouse, or by reason of the character and objects of the company which he pretended to represent.

Seeing now that, without any appearance of reason, it is pretended to sustain reclamations and cause damages to the republic, I had thought to recommend you to employ all the means necessary, even going so far, if compelled, to expose the falsity of the document which was supposed to have been solemnly drawn up and authenticated on the 15th of May last, in San Carlos de Tamaulipas. I was sorry to have to resort to this, for which reason I delayed till the 15th of September, and even now I advise you that you be reserved; but in case of necessity, without neglecting to pay attention to what might be expected of a citizen of the republic, when the serious interest of it is concerned, this must be considered superior to everything else.

As you informed me in your note number 63, it is fortunate that the same so-called company acknowledged the nullity of the conventions, because they did not conform to the objects and institution of the company, and moreover agreed to put Mr. Woodhouse out of it; resolving also to change the name of the company, and thinking to propose new arrangements to be submitted for the approbation of the government.

I do not think it necessary to recommend to you the most absolute circumspection in avoiding any entanglement in an affair that has such a bad beginning.

I protest to you my very attentive consideration.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen MATIAS ROMERO,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Mexican Republic in Washington, D. C.*

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 128.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT, BUREAU OF RELATIONS—AMERICAN SECTION.

No. 246.] PASO DEL NORTE, May 28, 1866.

On acknowledging the receipt of your correspondence on various occasions, I told you that the two packages of correspondence which you mailed on the 9th and 16th of November last had not come to hand. I also informed you in my note, No. 237, of the 17th instant, that I received those two packages on the evening of the previous day. They must have been detained some time in one of the transit post offices.

As I have explained to you, in those packages were contained five notes which I had not previously received, neither in original nor duplicate.

One of the notes, No. 582, of the 15th of November, with which you sent

me a copy of the report of the 14th of the same month, addressed to you by citizen Juan N. Navarro, consul general of the republic in New York, in relation to the motives he had to give the certificate which he gave to the citizen General José M. de J. Carvajal, affixed to the convention he tried to make with Mr. Daniel Woodhouse.

Besides what you say about that certificate, I may also observe that the document to which citizen Navarro refers in his report, though it may demonstrate that General Carvajal might have had the title of governor of the State of San Luis Potosi at one time, he was not governor then; that it did not appear that General Carvajal ever had that title; that it did not appear that if General Carvajal ever had that title he was actually exercising it, and that in any case this subject had nothing to do with the consular office; being, therefore, some danger that if a consul undertook to act upon it, it was not legal for want of the certainty of necessary facts and antecedents of the affair.

The citizen President of the republic has seen your note, and as the condition of the Woodhouse business does not require any action from this government, the President thinks that it will be enough that you should communicate his note to Mr. Navarro, that he may know of his mistake in that affair; yet the government does not doubt his patriotism and good wishes for the national welfare.

I protest to you my most attentive consideration.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen MATIAS ROMERO,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
of the Mexican Republic in Washington, D. C.*

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

PAPERS OF DIFFERENT KINDS.

No. 129.

Memorandum of General Carvajal of the representations and agreements of Daniel Woodhouse in obtaining a contract for placing a loan to the Mexican government.

NEW YORK, August 25, 1865.

Daniel Woodhouse, "secretary and general financial agent" of the pretended "United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company," by various arts, impostures, and false pretences, made me believe that said company was worth a capital of forty millions of dollars; that it did not owe one dollar of its original capital stock of twenty millions of valuable property, whose augmented value in mines, oil-wells, and other improvements made every dollar equal now to two dollars; that he owned one-half of capital; that stock was now yielding large dividends; that the company could realize any amount of money by using their stock; that their acceptances would be as good as cash, and I could buy anything, and to any amount, in this city, in these United States, and in any part of the world; that in case my drafts, and those of my government, should come too fast, and press the company, he (Woodhouse) had assurances from Washington, "from very high sources," that he could get a loan of thirty millions at any time to meet any of my demands, or those of my government; that the United States government had granted his company the charter to construct a railroad from Point Isabel to Brownsville, Texas, and gave the com-

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pany, or had offered ten millions of dollars for transportation of government troops and munitions of war.

That the company would advance three millions or more in negotiable paper, to be afterwards paid from proceeds of bonds, and buy in the same way any articles of merchandise I might want, and furnish me the means of paying any debts I might have, and any money needed for my expenses; that certain very respectable parties, merchants and bankers, for whom Woodhouse was acting, and whose names he showed me in a printed prospectus of the company, and in said prospectus it appears they had three millions of dollars of working capital; and generally, by many declarations and asseverations, attested by E. B. Sackett, he made me believe that the company was the most reputable and trustworthy, and that they would carry out faithfully the programme laid down in the contract, and fulfil other stipulations which should explain that the company were bound to pay drafts at all times, whether they were in funds from sales of bonds or not; that no draft should at any time be returned unpaid; it was also understood that if the company did not or should not execute their obligations, the grants predicated upon them should be null and void.

Now it appears that the said company did not in reality exist; that the reputable bankers and merchants, whose names Woodhouse unwarrantably placed in his prospectus as members of said company, never belonged to it nor participated in his fraud.

He is now trying to mend his appearances by sending me a list of new respectable names, that he pretends are officers and trustees in prospectus of his imaginary company. These names are:

Major General Lew. Wallace, president; L. E. Chittenden, vice-president; W. K. Mead, treasurer; Daniel Woodhouse, secretary; Vas Houghton, correspondent; Cornelius Vanderbilt, Ex-Governor E. D. Morgan, directors; Starks W. Lewis, E. V. Houghton, Amos M. Sackett, James Sturges, Moses H. Grinell, John H. Boynton, trustees.

Hence these same manoeuvres prove that the supposed company has never been anything but a fraud, a nonentity, and a wicked device of Woodhouse, to cheat and rob innocent parties.

Woodhouse refused, after getting the contract in his hands by trick, to sign the supplemental contract, pretending to consult his supposed "directors." For this pretended consultation he took a draught of some of the principal items, and has kept it in his possession.

"I have played for a big stake, and I have got it," said Woodhouse.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCÁL, Secretary.

No. 130.

STATE OF NEW YORK, *City and County of New York*, ss:

We, the undersigned, Daniel Woodhouse, Vancellos Houghton, Edward Soley, and John H. Corning, of the city, county, and State of New York, do hereby certify that we desire to form a company for the purpose of carrying on the business of mining, and developing the resources of lands, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 40 of the laws of the State of New York, passed in 1848, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for manufacturing, mining, chemical, or mechanical purposes," and the several acts

amendatory thereof, and for that purpose have made, signed, and acknowledged the following certificate:

First. The corporate name of said company shall be "The United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company."

Second. The object of the said company shall be to carry on the business of mining and manufacturing the productions of mines, and preparing the same for use and consumption, and shipping the same, and selling and disposing of the same.

Third. The capital stock of said company is twenty millions of dollars, divided into two hundred thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, but said capital is not owned or possessed by it in money, but consists of and is represented by the mines and other property necessary for its business, to be purchased by the trustees thereof, and be paid for by the issue of said stock.

Fourth. The term of the existence of said company shall be fifty years.

Fifth. There shall be nine trustees of the said company, of which three at least shall be a sufficient number to form a board for the transaction of business, and the names of the trustees who shall manage the concerns as aforesaid of said company for the first year are: Ezra Bliss, Paul N. Spofford, Joel B. Burnett, Amos M. Sackett, John N. Corning, George Hoffman, Daniel Woodhouse, Edward Soley, Vancellos Houghton, all of the city and county of New York.

Sixth. Part of the business of said company shall be carried on at the county seat of Buchanan county, State of Virginia, the town of ———, State of Kentucky, and in the island of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia; but the principal part of the business is to be carried on in the State of New York.

In witness whereof, we, the parties to these presents, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 22d day of March, 1865.

DANIEL WOODHOUSE. [L. S.]
JOHN H. CORNING. [L. S.]
EDWARD SOLEY. [L. S.]
VANCELLOS HOUGHTON. [L. S.]

[5 ct. rev. stamp.]

STATE OF NEW YORK, *City and County of New York*, ss:

I, William C. Conner, clerk of the city and county of New York, and also clerk of the supreme court for the said city and county, the same being a court of record, do hereby certify that Charles C. Bigelow, whose name is inscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and therein written, was, at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a notary public in and for the city and county of New York, dwelling in the said city, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such notary, and verily believe that the signature to the said certificate of proof or acknowledgment is genuine. I further certify that the said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the law of the State of New York.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court and county the 23d day of March, 1865.

[SEAL.]

WILLIAM C. CONNER, Clerk.

[5 ct. rev. stamp.]

STATE OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

I have compared the preceding with the certificate of incorporation of the United States, European, and West Virginia Land Company, with acknowledgment thereto annexed, filed in this office on the 24th day of March, 1865, and hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the State of New York, at the city of Albany, this 23d day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.
[SEAL.]

ERASTUS CLARK,
Deputy Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 131.

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, March 25, 1867.

SIR : In a certificate signed by Daniel Woodhouse, John H. Corning, Edward Soley, and Vancellos Houghton, dated New York city, March 22, 1865, which was filed at the office of the secretary of state of the State of New York, at the city of Albany, purporting to be the certificate of incorporation of the United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company, incorporated according to the law of the State of New York authorizing the formation of mining and manufacturing companies, your name appears as one of the trustees of said company.

Mr. Daniel Woodhouse, styled secretary and general financial agent of the company aforesaid, represented to General Carvajal, of Mexico, in July, 1865, "that said company was worth a capital of forty millions of dollars; that it did not owe one dollar of its original capital stock of twenty millions of valuable property; that said stock was now yielding large dividends; that the company would realize any amount of money by using their stock; that their acceptances would be as good as cash; that the company would advance three millions of dollars or more in negotiable paper, to be afterwards paid from proceeds of bonds; that by these and other representations Mr. Woodhouse made him believe that the company was the most reputable and trustworthy, and that they would carry out faithfully their obligations, and fulfil other stipulations by which the company was bound to pay drafts at all times, whether they were in funds from sales of bonds or not; that no draft should at any time be returned unpaid."

Under such representations General Carvajal signed a contract with Mr. Woodhouse, by which he, in the name of the company, undertook to negotiate Mexican bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars, to build railroads in Mexico, to carry into effect schemes of immigration in that country, and do other things obviously not within the scope of its charter, nor authorized by the laws of the State of New York.

As Mr. Woodhouse has gone so far as to print, in the name of the company, pretended Mexican bonds, which devolve on the stockholders and directors of said company obligations of great magnitude and responsibility, and which are at the same time highly prejudicial to the interests of the Mexican republic, it may be requisite for this legation to institute legal proceedings on the part of its government with the purpose of putting a stop to the unlawful acts of said Woodhouse.

Before doing this, as your name appears in the certificate of the charter of the company as one of its trustees, I think it due to you to request the favor of an answer to the following questions:

1. Whether you gave your consent to have your name used as a trustee of the company.
2. Whether you authorized Mr. Woodhouse to make to General Carvajal the representations above referred to.

3. Whether you authorized Mr. Woodhouse to sign the said contract.
4. Whether you have authorized the printing of pretended Mexican bonds; and
5. Whether you have authorized Mr. Woodhouse to issue any such bonds, and otherwise to give effect to a pretended contract, which was void from its inception and denounced as such by General Carvajal himself and by the Mexican government.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. ROMERO.

This circular was addressed to Messrs. Ezra Bliss, Paul N. Spofford, Joel B. Burnett, Amos M. Sackett, John N. Corning, George Hoffman, Edward Soley, Vasconcellos Houghton, all of New York city.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 132.

NEW YORK, March 27, 1867.

SIR : I have the honor to own receipt of your favor of 25th instant.

If my name has been used in the matter to which you refer, it has been done without my knowledge and has not my approval.

Yours, respectfully,

P. N. SPOFFORD.

His Excellency Mr. M. ROMERO,
Legacion Mexicana, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 133.

[Received on the 3d of April with postmark New York city, April 2, 1867.]

Yours of the 25th ultimo is before me detailing the schemes of Mr. Woodhouse.

All I know about the matter I will cheerfully relate to you in few words.

Some two or three years ago, Daniel Woodhouse called on me with his plans, requesting me to become one of the trustees.

At the same time he named several of our most prominent citizens, stating that they had investigated his plans and had consented to become trustees.

I replied to his request as follows : If you will call a meeting of the parties you have named, I will meet with them, and if, after mutual consultation, we concur that your plans are legitimate, feasible, and proper, I will consent to become a trustee.

No such meeting or consultation was ever called or held to my knowledge. In short, it was the only interview I held with Mr. Woodhouse on the subject, and I have never seen him since.

Therefore, I give an *emphatic negative* answer to your several interrogations.

It is my individual opinion that Mr. Woodhouse is the sole instigator and proprietor of the whole affair.

I do not believe he has the aid or countenance of a single respectable person with him.

I am surprised beyond measure at his *impudence* and *audacity*.
Be assured, my dear sir, I shall be most happy to do anything in my power to aid you and your Mexican republic in setting yourselves right before the world.
Yours, most respectfully,

E. BLISS.

Hon. M. ROMERO,
Legacion Mexicana, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 134.

No. 82 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK,
April 11, 1867.

DEAR SIR: Mr. George Hoffman has handed me your letter of the 25th ultimo, requesting his answer to certain questions in respect to the United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company, and has instructed me to reply thereto in its behalf as follows:

1. That he never gave his consent to the use of his name as a trustee, or in any other connection with the company referred to.
2. That he never authorized Mr. Woodhouse to sign the contract, make any of the representations, or print or issue any of the bonds mentioned in your letter.
3. That he was not aware that his name had been so used, or of any of the said matters until the receipt of your letter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. J. KANE, Attorney, &c.

Señor M. ROMERO.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 135.

WASHINGTON, April 15, 1867.

SIR: On the 25th ultimo I addressed to you a communication asking you certain questions relating to your reported connection with Mr. Daniel Woodhouse and his company, called the "United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company." As I have had so far no reply from you, I beg to request again the favor of an answer, as I am only expecting it to take the proper action on this subject.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. ROMERO.

Mr. JOEL B. BURNETT, New York.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

NEW YORK, April 25, 1867.

DEAR SIR: I arrived home this morning from a western and southern trip of six weeks, and found your favor of the 15th instant awaiting me. Your communication (25th ultimo) that you mentioned, is following me and will soon be here; it was forwarded to New Orleans to meet me and will come back.

I will say here that, if the communication relates to Mr. Woodhouse and his company, I know very little about him or the company, and the use of my name was unknown and unauthorized by me. Mr. Woodhouse is not the man I would associate my name with in any company. Will answer you any way as soon as the communication returns. I was in Washington yesterday.

Very respectfully, yours,

J. B. BURNETT,
36 Whitehall street.

M. ROMERO, Esq., Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 137.

NEW YORK, April 27, 1867.

Your communication dated at Washington, 25th ultimo, is before me, having followed me to New Orleans and back.

The fact that you state that my name appeared as a trustee in the "European and West Virginia Land and Mining Company," or of any other company in which Daniel Woodhouse was one of the reputed managers, is all news to me. If such is the case it is wholly without my knowledge or sanction. Therefore, without considering your five questions singly, I answer that in no single instance did I sanction or know of any of the transactions mentioned in your five questions.

Very respectfully, yours,

J. B. BURNETT,

M. ROMERO, Esq., Mexican Legation, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 138.

OFFICE OF JOHN H. CORNING, No. 41 SOUTH WILLIAM STREET,
New York, June 14, 1867.

DEAR SIR: I have received some two or three letters from Señor Romero, asking a written statement regarding the United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company. I should say: I had no connection with the company at the time Señor Carvajal was here, and have not had any since.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN H. CORNING.

Mr. TIFFT.

No. 139.

WASHINGTON, March 27, 1867.

GENTLEMEN: Having read in a printed prospectus of the "United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company" the name of your

house as the bankers of said company, I beg of you to tell me if you really have ever been the bankers of the company aforesaid, and if your name has been used in such prospectus with your authority.

Hoping to be favored with an answer at your earliest convenience, I remain, gentlemen, most respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. ROMERO.

Messrs. HOWES & MACY, Bankers, New York city.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 140.

HOWES & MACY, BANKERS,
New York, March 28, 1867.

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 27th instant has been received.

With regard to the company named by you we have no information; they have never kept any account nor done any business with us, nor are we acquainted with any of the officers connected therewith.

We were informed some time since that our name had been used in connection with it, which was unauthorized, and we feel that it was an unwarrantable liberty taken in doing so.

Yours, respectfully,

HOWES & MACY.

M. ROMERO, Esq.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 141.

WASHINGTON, March 28, 1867.

SIR: Having read in a printed prospectus of the "United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company," printed in 1865, your name and the one of the late Daniel S. Dickinson, as the counsel of that company, I beg of you to do me the favor of stating, should there be no objection to it, if you really was the counsel of that company, or whether your name was used without your consent.

Hoping that you will pardon me for trespassing on your time, I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

M. ROMERO.

Hon. SAMUEL E. COURTNEY, New York city.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 142.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK,
New York, March 29, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, in which you ask me if I really was the counsel for the "United States,

European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company," or whether the late Daniel S. Dickinson was the counsel for said company.

In answer thereto, I have to say that neither the late Mr. Dickinson nor myself were ever counsel for said company.

About a year ago, I think, a gentleman brought me a pamphlet purporting to contain a statement or prospectus of said company, in which I found the names of Mr. Dickinson and myself printed as counsel. I told the party that we were not counsel, and had nothing to do with the company, and that the insertion of our names was unauthorized. I then went and saw Mr. Woodhouse, and told him our names must be taken off the book. He said that there were only a few printed, and that it would be done at once. I informed him he had no authority for using the names. This ended the matter, and I have heard nothing of it since.

In addition, permit me to say that we never gave any counsel to said company in any way, shape, or manner.

I am, sir, respectfully yours,

SAMUEL E. COURTNEY.

Señor ROMERO.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 143.

MEXICAN LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, March 15, 1867.

In a letter which Mr. Daniel Woodhouse wrote me from your city, dated the 21st of February, 1866, he says you manifested a desire to be a "director in the United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company." Although I am certain the assertion is entirely without foundation, yet I beg you to tell me all that has taken place in relation to the affair.

Mr. Andrew Cassard, entitled secretary of the said company, wrote to me on the 17th of January, 1866, that you had been in the company's office just opened, at 58 Broadway. Now, as the object of that visit may be misinterpreted, I beg you will also make an explanation of that incident.

I repeat to you the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

C. JUAN N. NAVARRO,

Consul General of the Mexican Republic
in the United States, New York City.

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, Secretary.

No. 144.

No. 7.]

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE MEXICAN
REPUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES,
New York, March 16, 1867.

I received your note of yesterday asking me to answer the two following questions:

1st. If I ever at any time told Mr. Woodhouse that I wanted to be a "director in the United States, European, and West Virginia Land and Mining Company?"