

I got a notice from New York on that same day, perfectly reliable, that General Sanchez Ochoa had pledged ten millions of the bonds to Mr. Brannan as security for the thirty thousand dollars in gold advanced, allowing him to sell them at public auction to the highest bidder if the debt was not paid within three months, which were about to expire, as the rate of one and a half per cent. a month, with only a notification of ten days to the Mexican government that the sale would take place. The nature of that information was so alarming that I thought proper to ask an explanation from General Ochoa, who said there was no danger of the sale being made. I recommended him, however, to return to New York to see Mr. Brannan's agent there, and try to prevent the sale of the bonds, and on the 27th he went back to New York, (No. 28.)

Wishing to become better acquainted with the nature of the arrangements made in San Francisco by General Ochoa, and alarmed by further information about the pledge of the bonds, I asked an explanation in writing of General Ochoa on the 29th November, (No. 31,) requesting him "to give me a written account of all he had done in discharge of his commission, and what he proposed doing; send me the originals or copies of the documents relating to it, particularly the agreement with Mr. Brannan, of San Francisco, for the advance of thirty thousand dollars." General Sanchez Ochoa replied on the 1st December, (No. 32,) saying that Mr. Frederick G. Fitch would bring me the original contracts. Mr. Fitch came the next day and read to me several of the papers and powers granted by General Ochoa. One of them contained exactly what had been communicated to me about the mortgage and sale of the bonds. At the same time I had reliable information that Mr. Brannan intended to sell the bonds. I then told General Ochoa to do all he could to prevent it, and wishing to keep copies of the documents for the archives of the legation, and to send to my government I requested him to send me copies of them on the 3d, (No. 33.)

General Sanchez Ochoa did not hurry to send me the copies I had asked. He only wrote me private letters, assuring me his agent, Mr. Chenery, was about to raise one hundred thousand dollars for him in New York, with which he intended to satisfy Mr. Brannan's debt. Although I had no idea that sum could be raised, I wrote to General Sanchez Ochoa to send the papers to me for approval as soon as the arrangements should be made, in accordance with instructions from my government.

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From what I have so far said in this letter, and from the documents accompanying it, in my judgment the indubitable result is contained in the following conclusions:

1st. That all the arrangements made by General Sanchez Ochoa were declared null by the government of Mexico because he exceeded the limits of his authority as contained in his instructions when he made them.

2d. That General Sanchez Ochoa received a sum of money from Mr. Samuel Brannan, of San Francisco, who showed no intention to carry out his contracts with the general, though they were not valid, that the government of Mexico assumed the payment of that sum without acknowledging the validity of the contract, and a part of the debt has been already paid.

3d. That, as there was some irregularity in the issue of those bonds, the government of Mexico has ordered them to be cancelled as fast as they come into its possession.

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7th. That the mortgage is also null, which, it is said, General Sanchez Ochoa wished to make of \$500,000 in bonds to Mr. Mark Brannagin as representative of Messrs. Treadwell & Co., of San Francisco.

I am sure that the difficulties and complications which the commission intrusted to General Sanchez Ochoa has caused will prove a useful lesson in future to the Mexican government, and will ultimately redound to the benefit of the republic.

Entreating you to pardon the precious time I have taken from you in the perusal of this long note, though its importance ought to be a sufficient excuse for its length, I am rejoiced to profit by this felicitous occasion to renew to you the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

HON. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, &c., &c., &c.

[Translation—Extracts.]

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*Index of documents sent by the Mexican legation in Washington to the Department of State of the United States, with the note of this date, in regard to arrangements made by General John C. Frémont with Don Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa.*

No.	Date.	Contents.
CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.		
1	1865. Oct. 14	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to Mr. Romero. Transmits a communication of the same date addressed to General Sanchez Ochoa, furnishing him with the President's decision that he must have Mr. Romero's approbation in the discharge of the duties of the commission that has been intrusted to him, and that such approbation is an indispensable requisite for the validity of his acts. (No. 346.)
2	1864. Oct. 29	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to General Sanchez Ochoa. Authorizes him to arrange the terms of a loan, accepting one or more vessels as part of it.
3	Dec. 31	Same to same. Communicates to him the authorization of the President to negotiate a loan of \$4,000,000, to be invested in the purchase of vessels, arms, transports, and pay for the foreigners enlisted in the service of Mexico.
4	1865. March 1	Same to same. Communicates to him the President's authorization to negotiate a loan of \$10,000,000.
5	March 1	Same to same. Authorizes him to purchase from one to three iron-clads, and from one to three other steamers for the service of Mexico.
6	March 1	Same to same. Authorizes him to take upon himself the command of the vessels purchased, or appoint others to command them.
7	March 1	Same to same. Authorizes him to purchase sixty thousand rifles, a proportionate number of cannons, cavalry arms, and munitions of war.
8	March 1	Same to same. Authorizes him to accept the military services of foreigners for Mexico, to organize them, and name their chiefs.
9	1864. Aug. 11	Decree in regard to the acceptance of the service of foreigners.
10	1865. March 1	Same to same. Instructs him to hand over the balance of the loan to the government of Mexico, and to give an account of whatever he has done in execution of his commission.
11	Aug. 19	Same to same. Communicates to him the President's authorization to settle the difficulties about General Placido Vega's commission.
12	Aug. 19	Private instructions on the same subject.
13	1866. Jan. 16	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to Mr. Romero. Tells him that the government of Mexico, on hearing of General Sanchez Ochoa's arrangement with Mr. Brannan, rescinds his commission, keeping only the title of commissioner, at Mr. Romero's will, for unfinished business. (No. 9.)
14	Jan. 16	Same to same. Mr. Romero is authorized to redeem the bonds that General Ochoa pledged to Mr. Brannan in San Francisco. (No. 10.)
15	Jan. 23	Same to same. Transmits a communication addressed to General Sanchez Ochoa, on the 20th of January.

List of documents sent by Mexican Legation, &c.—Continued.

No.	Date.	Contents.
16	1866. Jan. 20	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to General Sanchez Ochoa. Answer to a communication from General Ochoa, dated Washington, 14th October, 1865, acknowledging receipt of the note from the department of relations, saying Mr. Romero's consent is necessary to the validity of his acts.
17	March 9	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to Mr. Romero. Transmits two communications addressed to General Sanchez Ochoa, in reply to two of his speaking of arrangements made or to be made, stating that they were not valid unless they were approved by Mr. Romero. (No. 129.)
18	March 9	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to General Sanchez Ochoa. Answer to the duplicate of his first communication of the 7th February, on his intended pledge of \$500,000 in bonds, saying it could not be valid without Mr. Romero's approbation.
19	March 9	Same to same. Answer to the duplicate of General Sanchez Ochoa's second communication of the same date, saying he was going to send a commissioner to the government of Mexico with funds.
20	March 24	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to Mr. Romero. Transmits copies of two other communications addressed to General Sanchez Ochoa. (No. 155.)
21	March 24	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to General Sanchez Ochoa. Acknowledges receipt of the original of the first communication of the 7th of February. (No. 6.)
22	March 24	Same to same. Acknowledges receipt of the original of the second communication of the 7th of February. (No. 6.)
23	April 11	Mr. Lerdo de Tejada to Mr. Romero. Communicates the declaration of the Mexican government of the nullity of General Sanchez Ochoa's arrangements in San Francisco with Mr. Samuel Brannan and Mr. Richard Chenery. (No. 198.)
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CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MEXICAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON WITH THE MEXICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.		
26	1865. Nov. 2	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Tells of General Sanchez Ochoa's arrival in New York with his bonds.
27	Nov. 9	Same to same. Communicates a conversation with General Sanchez Ochoa, and his interview with General Carvajal and Mr. Romero. (No. 570.)
28	Nov. 25	Same to same. Acknowledges the reception of the note of the 14th of October, 1865, from the department, communicating what General Sanchez Ochoa did after the date of the preceding note, and communicates the first notice of General Ochoa's pledge of \$10,000,000 in bonds for \$30,000 in gold, in favor of Mr. Brannan. (No. 611.)
29	Oct. 27	Letter from San Francisco, with details about the mentioned pledge and Mr. Brannan's supposed determination to sell the bonds at auction.
30	Dec. 5	Same to same. States that he asked General Ochoa for copies of all contracts he had made, and that he sent a person who read them to him but left no copies of them. (No. 636.)
31	Nov. 29	Mr. Romero to General Sanchez Ochoa. Asks for copies of all contracts he has made, and a written statement of all he has done, or proposes to do, in execution of his commission.
32	Dec. 1	General Sanchez Ochoa to Mr. Romero. Sends his original San Francisco contracts by Mr. Fitch.
33	Dec. 3	Mr. Romero to General Sanchez Ochoa. Replies that Mr. Fitch read the contracts to him, and asks a copy of them.
35	-----	Agreement signed by General Sanchez Ochoa with Mr. Samuel Brannan concerning a Mexican loan of \$10,000,000 in San Francisco. Mr. Brannan is made agent of the loan, with a commission, &c., &c.
36	1866. May 3	Power given by General Sanchez Ochoa to Mr. Brannan to represent him in the issue and sale of the bonds. (No. 131.)
39	1866. Feb. 19	Mr. Romero to General Sanchez Ochoa. Repeats his request for a written account of his official acts as Mexican commissioner, with copies of his contracts: says he cannot approve the one he signed with General Frémont, and transmits him the department communication allowing him to continue as government commissioner till the Brannan business is closed.

List of documents sent by Mexican Legation, &c.—Continued.

No.	Date.	Contents.
1866.		
43	March 5	Same to same. Repeats his request for written information of his official acts.
44	March 6	General Sanchez Ochoa to Mr. Romero. Reply, saying he has sent accounts of all his contracts to the Mexican government.
45	March 6	Mr. Romero to General Sanchez Ochoa. Reply, saying he cannot approve of his contract with General Frémont; deprives him of his commission, that he may return to his country.
47	March 12	Mr. Romero to Mr. Henry Clews. Asks him who holds the bonds.
56	March 16	Mr. Clews to Mr. Romero. Informs him that Messrs. Van Auken, Garrison, and Brumagin have the bonds on deposit.
57	March 17	Mr. Romero to Messrs. Van Auken, Garrison, and Brumagin. Notifies them that, by instructions from the government of Mexico, the bonds are at his disposal, and General Ochoa has nothing to do with them.
58	March 25	Mr. Romero to Mr. Clews. Sends the above letter, with a request that it be sent to its address.
59	March 27	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits the following documents. (No. 233.)
60	March 26	Mr. Clews to Mr. Romero. States that he carried Mr. Romero's letter about the bonds to Messrs. Van Auken, Garrison, and Brumagin.
70	April 6	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Acknowledges receipt of the department note of 9th March, (No. 17,) and says he sent General Ochoa's letters to him.
94	May 9	Mr. Romero to General Sanchez Ochoa. Transmits the note of the minister of relations of the 11th April. (No. 23.)
102	June 20	Mr. Henry Tift to Mr. J. N. Tift. Informs him that bonds signed by General Sanchez Ochoa are offered at fifteen cents on the dollar.
104	June 29	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits the following documents. (No. 455.)
105	June 28	Mr. Chenery to Mr. Romero. Sends copies of the following documents.
1865.		
106	July 22	Power from General Sanchez Ochoa to Mr. Chenery, as agent of the Mexican republic, to negotiate ten millions in bonds of that republic.
107	Sept. 8	Agreement between General Sanchez Ochoa and Messrs. Slosson and Chenery for the purchase of vessels, provisions, and munitions of war.
108	1866. June 29	Mr. Romero to Mr. Chenery. Acknowledges receipt of the preceding documents, and informs him that the Mexican government has long ago deprived General Sanchez Ochoa of his office.
109	June 29	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits copies of the following documents. (No. 456.)
110	June 25	Mr. Romero to Mr. Clews. Asks him where the bonds signed by General Sanchez Ochoa are deposited.
111	June 25	Mr. Romero to Mr. Brumagin. Informs him a second time that General Sanchez Ochoa has ceased to be agent of the Mexican government, and cannot dispose of the bonds signed by him.
112	June 25	Mr. Romero to Mr. Burnett. Gives him the same notice.
113	June 23	Mr. Clews to Mr. Romero. Says the bonds were given by the Bank of Commerce to Mr. Brumagin, Mr. Brannan's agent, and mentions another mortgage of \$500,000 in bonds made by General Ochoa.
114	June 28	Mr. Brumagin to Mr. Romero. Says General Ochoa agreed to sign the other mortgage, but did not do it from sickness.
115	June 29	Mr. Romero to Mr. Brumagin. Says he has no official notice of the second mortgage, and asks for the documents relating to it.
117	July 6	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Reports a conversation with Mr. Burnett, Brannan's agent, and transmits the following documents. (No. 465.)
118	-----	Index of following documents.
1865.		
119	June 16	Assignment of sales by General Sanchez Ochoa to Mr. Brannan, to secure the capital and interest of the bonds.
120	Sept. 26	General Ochoa's agreement with Mr. Brannan about commissions.
121	Sept. 26	General Ochoa's agreement with Mr. Brannan about advances, and says he will pay in gold, and not in paper.

## List of documents sent by Mexican Legation, &amp;c.—Continued.

No.	Date.	Contents.
122	1865. Sept. 26	Mortgage of the ten millions in bonds by General Ochoa to Mr. Brannan to secure \$30,000 in gold.
123	1866. April 27	Power given by Mr. Brannan to Mr. Burnett to arrange the payment of that sum.
124	-----	Specimen of the bonds issued by General Sanchez Ochoa.
125	July 14	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits a copy of the following document. (No. 492.)
126	July 13	Mr. Chenery to Mr. Romero. Extracts from a letter from Mr. Mark Brumagin about a mortgage by General Sanchez Ochoa to Messrs. Treadwell & Co., of San Francisco.
134	Aug. 9	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits the following information about the Treadwell mortgage. (No. 555.)
135	Aug. 4	Mr. _____ to Mr. Romero. Gives the particulars of a conversation with Mr. Brumagin about that mortgage.
136	Aug. 6	Mr. Romero to Mr. Cushing. Asks a report about the preceding letter.
137	Aug. 8	Mr. Cushing to Mr. Romero. Gives his opinion in conformity with that expressed in the letter.
138	Aug. 9	Mr. Romero to Mr. _____. Says he cannot approve the conduct of General Sanchez Ochoa, in the mortgage to Treadwell & Co., but will submit it to his government.
139	Aug. 10	Mr. Romero to Mr. Godoy. Asks information about the credit of the house of Treadwell & Co.
140	Sept. 7	Mr. Godoy to Mr. Romero. Gives the information requested, and says the credit emanates from \$13,000 lent to General Vega, and that the arms seized have not been restored.
141	Oct. 3	Mr. Romero to Mr. Godoy. Acknowledges receipt of information, and asks for more details.
143	Sept. 13	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits the following documents, showing that General Sanchez Ochoa received copies of Mr. Lerdo de Tejada's notes of the 11th of April, Nos. 23, 24, and 25. (No. 612.)
144	May 9	Mr. Romero to Mr. Navarro. Advises him to deliver those communications to General Sanchez Ochoa.
145	May 11	Mr. Navarro to Mr. Romero. Reports he has delivered them in person to General Ochoa.
146	Sept. 14	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits the following documents. (No. 613.)
147	Sept. 6	Mr. Burnett to Mr. Romero. Says Mr. Brannan has all the information necessary to settle the affair.
148	Sept. 14	Mr. Romero to Mr. Burnett. Answers the preceding, correcting Mr. Burnett's mistakes, the first of which is that Mr. Romero had approved Ochoa's mortgage to Treadwell & Co.
149	Sept. 19	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Transmits the following correspondence. (No. 622.)
150	Sept. 15	Mr. Burnett to Mr. Romero. Says Mr. Brannan is willing to give up nine and a half millions of the Ochoa bonds if they will repay him the money lent to that general.
151	Sept. 18	Same to same. Answers Mr. Romero's letter of the 14th, (No. 148,) saying ten millions of the bonds will be given up if the advance is paid.
152	Sept. 19	Mr. Romero to Mr. Burnett. Acknowledges reception of the above letters, and says he will inform him when he is ready to pay.
165	1867. May 15	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Communicates the steps he has taken to redeem a sixth part of the bonds signed by General Sanchez Ochoa. (No. 197.)
166	May 9	Mr. Romero to Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. Requests them to redeem that part of the bonds.
167	May 28	Mr. Romero to Mr. Lerdo de Tejada. Reports that one million and a half of the bonds were given up. (No. 218.)
168	May 27	Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. to Mr. Romero. Reply, stating that the bonds were given up.
169	May 27	Mr. Graham L. Hughes to Mr. Romero. Makes a similar communication.

IGNO MARISCAL, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

## CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.

## No. 1.

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

No. 346.]

PASO DEL NORTE, October 14, 1865.

I addressed the following communication this day to the citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa:

"On the 29th of October and 1st of December last, and on the 1st of March of the present year, certain authorizations were conferred upon you, to empower you to contract abroad a loan of a sufficient amount to enable you to purchase a certain number of arms, munitions of war, and other objects, and to accept the services of any foreign citizens who might want to come to offer their services in the war now sustained by the republic.

"Also, on the 19th of August of this year you were instructed to make some arrangements, under certain circumstances, respecting the commission of citizen General Placido Vega, who went abroad some time ago to purchase arms and munitions with funds which he took with him.

"After the said commissions and authorizations were conferred on you in October, December, and March last, others were conferred on citizen Matias Romero, minister plenipotentiary of the republic in Washington, the discharge of which may be connected with the various objects of those. Hence arises the consideration of the necessity there may be for unity of direction in the discharge of both; for, without that, it might easily happen, and it should be carefully avoided, that transactions made in different directions about the same subject might reciprocally cause embarrassment and difficulties to the grievous prejudice of the republic.

"For that reason, just as it was determined, as early as the 13th of July of this year, that the citizen General José M. J. Carvajal, in using the commissions and authorizations conferred upon him for similar objects, needed to obtain the previous approbation of the citizen minister plenipotentiary, so it has likewise been decreed in the same respect that you, for the same cause, as well as on account of the obstacles which you encountered in the success of your commission, and which have caused the loss of so much time, and the inconveniences of which may become greater, cause to be continued at the same time the operations of the citizen minister in Washington, and those of you without any connection between them.

"As such inconveniences are to be foreseen and prevented, even though your negotiations go on in Upper California, for greater motives this ought to be done, when you had, as it was, written to the government from San Francisco, the 6th of September last, that on account of the difficulties experienced there, you had come to an understanding with a commercial house there to go to New York in a few days for the purpose of effecting the discharge of your commission there."

In virtue of the grave considerations stated, the citizen President of the republic has granted, in ministerial council, that the following resolutions be communicated to you:

"First. To execute the commission and authorizations that have been conferred upon you relating to different objects abroad, in each case you will have to obtain the previous approbation of the citizen Matias Romero, minister plenipotentiary of the republic in Washington.

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