

June of this year, transcribing two that you addressed on the 21st and 24th to the citizen Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, and the replies he made to you on the 21st and 26th, asking you first to furnish him with one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$125,000,) and proposing to you next to buy three thousand rifles, to facilitate the transport of arms and munitions to the republic; concerning which that citizen general manifested to you that he could not do any of the two things.

According to the information that Mr. Ramon De Zaldo, your commissioner, gave to the government in Chihuahua, you and said Zaldo were authorized, on the 10th of March, to raise the sum of thirteen or fifteen thousand dollars, a sum sufficient to pay the balance on the arms and munitions you purchased with funds you carried in discharge of your commission. At the same time you and Mr. De Zaldo were authorized to raise money for necessary expenses to transport munitions and arms to the territory of the republic.

As, according to the four mentioned communications which you addressed to me in June, it results that the difficulties are greater than were anticipated from Mr. Zaldo's report, the government now desires to remove them, with a full knowledge of antecedents, and desiring also that your duties may not conflict with those of the citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, to the prejudice of the cause of the republic, the citizen President has been pleased in a council of ministers to communicate to you the following resolutions.

First. That you give all the information convenient to demonstrate what are the sums you deem yet necessary, so that the government may know how to act; and in the mean time your authorization is suspended, but not molesting what has been done already within prescribed limit.

Second. That the preceding resolution does not prevent you from doing all you can to execute your commission from San Luis Potosi in June, 1863, within the terms, for which you will be furnished with the proper funds.

I transcribe this communication to Mr. Zaldo that he may give it due effect. And I transcribe it to you for your information and consequent action. Independence and liberty! Paso Del Norte, August 19, 1865.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA,
*In Commission from the Supreme Government,
San Francisco, Upper California.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 12.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GOVERNMENT, BUREAU OF GOVERNMENT—SECTION FIRST, RESERVED.

I transcribe to you in another communication of this day, which I address with this date to citizen General Placido Vega, and which I also transcribe to Mr. Ramon de Zaldo, suspending the authorization which was conferred upon you the 10th of May of this year, to raise means to transport arms and munitions to the territory of the republic.

Desiring, however, to avoid trouble about General Vega's commission, and to give you a reserved commission to be used or not as you think best, the citizen President of the republic has been pleased to accord in cabinet council to authorize you to find out if it be best to continue General Vega's commission, or make arrangements to raise means indispensable for the purpose, if you judge such

means could be better employed in other ways, with the understanding that in every arrangement that you may make you must consider the good of the republic, taking care at the same time that you do nothing to the prejudice of the government, so it may act freely in regard to that commission.

Independence and liberty! Paso del Norte, August 19, 1865.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA,
*In commission from the Supreme Government,
San Francisco, Upper California.*

PASO DEL NORTE, October 14, 1865.

True copies:

JUAN VALDEZ, *First Officer.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 13.

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

No. 9.]

PASO DEL NORTE, January 16, 1866.

I have received the duplicates of your notes, numbered 570 and 611, dated 9th and 25th November, and the original, No. 636, of the 5th December, relating to the commission given to the citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa for foreign purposes.

The first notice the government had of his arrangement with Mr. Samuel Brannan was contained in the note mentioned, 636. The citizen General Sanchez Ochoa's last letters to the President and me were dated last September. No letters have been received from him since, and the government has no official report from him since he left the republic.

In his private letters he merely said he was progressing in his business, and would soon send a messenger to the government with despatches and funds. But no messenger came, and the government has not heard from him since.

From your note 636 and annexes it appears General Sanchez Ochoa has issued bonds in San Francisco for ten millions of dollars, and has received thirty thousand dollars in gold from Mr. Brannan to be repaid in two months, mortgaging all the bonds for that purpose, to be sold at auction at the end of that time by Mr. Brannan, if the \$30,000 are not paid. You also report that Mr. Brannan has already given orders to sell the bonds, though the sale will be prevented if possible.

The government cannot believe this without official notice. The authorizations and instructions given to General Ochoa were to procure a loan, and not to prevent one by issuing bonds for millions, and then pledging them for a small sum of money. That would only grievously compromise the interest and honor of the republic.

The minister of finance furnished the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa with five or six thousand dollars for his expenses on his commission; and when he saw it could not be executed in a reasonable manner, he ought to have given it up, rather than make such engagements.

As the government only has notice of the engagement to pay that sum, and has no official knowledge of the arrangements made by the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, it cannot fully judge the affair; though from the very nature

of the contract it is plain that it exceeded instructions and the terms of the authorization, and consequently whatever has been done by the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa is not binding upon the government of the republic.

Yet, for the interest of its good name, the citizen President authorizes you—although there is no obligation on the part of the government—to try and make arrangements to settle that question honorably, with least burden to the government.

The citizen President is so satisfied of the patriotism and rectitude of the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, he hopes after an explanation is made that, though there may be errors, they will not prove serious; yet he has little hope that anything can be realized by the commission. In this consideration the citizen President has decreed as follows:

“First. That the commission of the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa is now at an end; he must give an account of what he has done in it, and return to the republic, to continue to lend his personal services as a military man.

“Second. That although the commission of the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa is no longer in effect as to what it was intended to produce, yet you may permit him to retain the title of commissioner, as long as you think it convenient, for the sole purpose of settling the pending difficulties, with the aid of your assistance.”

The government decrees this last because you may find the assistance of citizen General Sanchez Ochoa of service in settling the difficulties already existing, and because it might not seem proper or just for you to attend to affairs of trouble that he only caused.

I send you the package in which this note is enclosed to General Sanchez Ochoa for its proper observance.

I offer you my attentive consideration.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

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

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 14.

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

No. 10.] PASO DEL NORTE, January 16, 1866.

In another note of this date, No. 9, I communicate to you the citizen President's resolve to close the commission of citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, and his decree respecting the sum of thirty thousand dollars in gold which he received, and pledged the bonds he issued in San Francisco, California, to pay for that sum in a very short time.

As I said to you in that note, although what was done by the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa is not to be considered as binding upon the republic, yet, for the good name of the government, the citizen President has authorized you to make some arrangements for the payment of that sum, if it can possibly be done, to avoid difficulties in the business. For that purpose you may make use of any disposable funds, or, in default thereof, you may make whatever arrangements you deem fit.

The citizen President also authorizes you particularly to carry out the agreement with Mr. Jacob P. Luse to colonize some portions of Lower California; and from the proceeds of that business to appropriate as much as is necessary to pay said debt, or you may make any other arrangements, according to the circumstances, in connection with the colonization scheme in Lower California.

I offer you my attentive consideration.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

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

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

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

No. 31.] PASO DEL NORTE, January 23, 1866.

I send you the copy of a communication which I have addressed to the citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, dated the 20th of this month, remitting also to you the package containing it, for you to forward to him.

I protest to you my attentive consideration.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

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

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 16.

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

By the mail of yesterday morning I received your communication of the 26th of November last from Washington, in reply to mine of the 14th of November, informing you that you would need the approbation of the citizen minister plenipotentiary of the republic in the United States to all your acts.

Before receiving my communication you had already informed me that you had always acted so, acknowledging the propriety, and even the necessity, to act in that manner.

You also informed me that the citizen minister would report to the government the contracts you had concluded with Mr. Samuel Brannan, of which you had given him an account. The government has no knowledge of that contract, nor did the citizen minister know anything about it at the time you wrote, for in his note 636, of the 5th of December, he says in your communication of the 1st of December you said you had sent him the originals of the contract by Mr. Fitch, and he replied on the 3d that Mr. Fitch had read the contracts to him, but did not give him copies of them as he had requested.

This information, and the fact that you had hypothecated all the bonds for

the sum of thirty thousand dollars, not knowing the precise terms of the hypothecation, is all that the government knows of the business at present.

I sent you a communication in regard to it by the mail that left on the 16th of this month.

Independence and liberty! Paso del Norte, January 20, 1866.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *New York.*

PASO DEL NORTE, *January 28, 1866.*

A true copy:

JUAN VALDEZ, *First Officer.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 17.

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

No. 129.]

PASO DEL NORTE, *March 9, 1866.*

I received last night the duplicates of your two communications of the 7th of February in New York, which, indeed, are from the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, and which I now answer, as you will see from the two enclosed copies, numbered 1 and 2, of my replies.

You will also see that they conform to my note to you of the 14th of October, No. 346, urging the necessity of your approbation in all cases of whatever he does in execution of his commission, and to what I communicated in my note (No. 9) of the 6th of January in regard to the close of that commission.

With the first of said notes I send you copies of all the documents relating to the commission and authorization of citizen General Ochoa, among them those relating to the settlement of the difficulties which arose in the discharge of the commission intrusted to the citizen General Placido Vega.

I do not send you copies of the duplicates which I received from the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, because I gave the substance of them in former notes, and I have not time to copy them before the mail leaves, and they were not signed, so you had better request copies of them from him.

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, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 18.

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

No. 1.]

I received by the mail of last night a communication from New York, dated the 7th of February, as a duplicate, the original of which has not reached me

You write in substance as follows:

1st. That, in regard to my advice to settle in some way the trouble citizen General Placido Vega has caused, in order to be able to get possession of the arms he purchased and mortgaged to a merchant of San Francisco for thirty thousand dollars, you deposited five hundred thousand dollars in bonds for five months, and agreed to pay five per cent. a month on the original sum, if not paid within that time, the bonds still remaining on deposit as security.

2d. That you were negotiating for four or five millions of percussion caps, and from seventy to one hundred quintals of powder, to be sent to the republic with the arms.

3d. That you had obtained a small sum of money to send one commissioner to citizen General Porfirio Diaz, in Oaxaca, and another to citizen General Nicolas Regules, in Michoacan, to consult with them about the transportation of these arms, the caps, and powder.

4th. That you had made a private arrangement with the San Francisco and Panama line of steamers to carry these munitions of war.

The citizen President has considered all that, granting that I should tell you in reply as follows:

1st. That, as I informed you on the 14th of October, the receipt of which you acknowledged on the 26th of December, you must have the approbation and previous consent of citizen Matias Romero, the minister in Washington, for all you do in discharge of your commission; and as that is a condition and limitation of your powers, whatever you do without it will be considered of no value and effect, and as though done without the necessary power.

2d. That even before the limitations of your powers your authorization of the 19th of August was to settle the trouble of citizen Vega, and obtain resources by means of a loan, but not to issue bonds first, and then to pledge them for a small sum, to be used for entirely different purposes.

3d. And, as I informed you by despatch of the 16th of January, your commission is closed in the manner and for the reasons given in that despatch.

Independence and liberty! Paso del Norte, March 9, 1866.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *New York.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 19.

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

No. 2.]

By last night's mail I received a communication of the 7th of February from New York, as a duplicate, without signature or mention of the person who wrote it. I have not received the original, but its contents show it is from you.

It says a notice was sent in a former communication that a messenger would soon set out with funds for the supreme government; that his departure had been delayed by some unforeseen events, but would soon take place.

The citizen President has considered that communication, and begs me to say to you, in reply, that, as you were informed officially on the 14th of October, the acknowledgment of the receipt of which was made on the 26th of November, you need the previous and especial approbation of citizen Matias Romero, the minister in Washington, for all that you do in execution of your commission;

and, to give value and effect to your acts, that approbation is an essential requisite.

Independence and liberty! Paso del Norte, March 9, 1866.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *New York.*

PASO DEL NORTE, *March 9, 1866.*

These are true copies:

JUAN VALDEZ, *First Officer.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 20.

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

No. 155.] PASO DEL NORTE, *March 24, 1866.*

With my note (No. 129) of the 9th of this month I sent you copies of two communications, directed to citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, in answer to the duplicates of two communications that reached me without signature or the names of the persons sending them, but which I supposed were from him, considering the nature of their contents.

I received the original of two communications by last night's mail, and I send you copies 1 and 2 of the answer I address to the citizen General Ochoa. You will see from them that I refer to my former replies, and that now my sole intention is to notify you that I have received the signed originals, with this difference: these being dated the 6th of February, and the duplicates the 7th of the same month.

I protest my very attentive consideration.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

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

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 21.

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

No. 1.]

By the mail which arrived here yesterday I received the original of a communication which you addressed to me from New York, dated the 6th of February last, about an arrangement you tried to make in reference to the commission of citizen General Placido Vega, and concerning other matters.

As I had previously received the duplicate of the same communication from you, although the duplicate had the date of the 7th of February, I answered it on the 9th day of the current month.

As I have already stated in my communication, the duplicate had no signature, and did not give the name of the person who wrote it; for that reason I notified you of the receipt of the signed original, and for the rest I refer you to my reply.

Independence and liberty! Paso del Norte, March 24, 1866.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *New York.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 22.

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

No. 2.]

I have received by the mail that arrived here yesterday the original of a communication which you addressed to me from New York, dated the 6th of February last, stating that you informed me in a previous communication that a messenger would soon be sent by you to the supreme government; that his departure had been delayed by certain incidents, but he would soon start. On the 9th of the current month I replied to the duplicate which I received of that communication. Referring to that reply, I now notify you that I have received the original of the communication with a signature, for which reason I told you then, in respect to the duplicate, that it was dated the 7th of February, and had no signature, and no expression of the name of the person who directed it.

Independence and liberty! Paso del Norte, March 24, 1866.

LERDO DE TEJADA.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *New York.*

PASO DEL NORTE, *March 24, 1866.*

True copies:

JUAN VALDEZ, *First Officer.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 23.

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

No. 198.]

PASO DEL NORTE, *April 11, 1866.*

With note 111 of the 15th of February last, you sent me three copies in English of certain arrangements that citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa attempted to make in San Francisco, California, with Mr. Samuel Brannan, a merchant of that city, and Mr. Richard Chenery, as agent of the same.

The citizen General Sanchez Ochoa has not yet remitted a single copy of any

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kind of a document concerning his arrangements to the government, nor has he given an account of them, neither has he given any explanation, official or private, of his proceedings.

When a due account of those arrangements is given to the government, he will be able to give, if necessary, a full account, and will demonstrate, in every particular, their manifest and evident nullity. In the mean time, it is enough to read the authorization with which the government sent the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, and to read the indicated arrangements which he attempted to make, in order to see and perceive in an unquestionable manner that in all substantial points he exceeded his authorizations.

For this reason the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, seeking to make arrangements without sufficient authority, and as those who treated with him should have made inquiries concerning the extent and power of his authorizations, it is beyond all doubt that those arrangements, even from the beginning, have been and are null, and that they never have had any effect, nor can they have in future any legitimate effect, nor be considered in any manner binding upon the republic.

You will please communicate this to the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, and make it known, whenever necessary, to those concerned in the mentioned arrangements.

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, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

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

No. 200.]

PASO DEL NORTE, April 11, 1865.

In your note 168 of the 10th March last, you informed me that you sent citizen General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa a copy of my communication on the 8th of the same month, informing him that he had ceased to be commissioner, by government command of the 16th January, and was ordered to return to the republic. The citizen President has considered your resolution and approved it. He also instructs you to communicate this note to citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, if he is still in the country, so that he may have no doubt about his duty.

In regard to what he said to you in a communication of the 7th of March, about sending original documents to the government, tell him, if he is still in the country, that all his documents have been received; but nothing has been received from the citizen General Sanchez Ochoa, nor has anything about contracts of any kind made by him.

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, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE MEXICAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.

No. 26.

No. 541.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
New York, November 2, 1865.

Urgently called to this city by General Ortega and General Carvajal, I came from Washington yesterday, and saw General Carvajal last night. He said he had sent for me to consult about what was to be done on General Sanchez Ochoa's arrival in this city with the greater part of the bonds he printed in San Francisco, to be sold here. I heard that when he arrived in New York, he said he intended to sell his bonds because they were made before General Carvajal's, and as the affair was already in charge of the Pacific Bank of San Francisco, he could not change it.

Those bonds cannot be sold because it would violate the contract with John W. Corlies & Co., and would prevent the sale of all other bonds of that kind.

I propose to see General Sanchez Ochoa to-morrow, to find out what he intends to do, and to get up a proper understanding between him and General Carvajal.

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I will inform you what takes place in this business, in separate communications, and now profit by the occasion to renew the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
Paso del Norte.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 27.

No. 570.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
New York, November 9, 1865.

I saw General Ochoa at his hotel on the 3d instant. He seemed disposed to do nothing to injure the sale of General Carvajal's bonds, though anxious to execute his commission from the supreme government to raise funds for the national cause. We agreed to consult General Carvajal, and make arrangements satisfactory to both parties. That meeting occurred on the 5th, when I said Ochoa's bonds could not be sold without injuring the Carvajal's that were now legally announced; and added, it would be better to furnish Ochoa funds to carry out his commission from the proceeds of sales of Carvajal's bonds. I also proposed that General Ochoa have one million of dollars out of that fund, and General Carvajal agreed to it. General Ochoa, however, said it would not be enough, and wanted one third of the loan; so we could not agree at that time.

General Sanchez Ochoa said he had an offer of money for his bonds, with a promise not to sell them, and wanted to know if he could accept the offer. We told him we would have to see Messrs. Corlies & Co. about it, though we saw no present objections.

Our next meeting was short. General Sanchez Ochoa and General Carvajal agreed to leave the decision in the affair to their respective agents, Mr. Chenery and Mr. Tiff. We said nothing of the portion General Ochoa was to get of the bonds then in the market.

General Ochoa sent me word yesterday that Mr. Chenery had spoken with

Mr. Tift, who was disposed to make an amicable settlement; but Mr. Chenery would go to Washington first, to consult the President and General Grant. I cannot say how the business will end, but I think there will be no trouble about what General Ochoa is to have for his portion, though General Carvajal may not wish to give more than one million. That difficulty will be slight, for it will be hard to get more than that for some time, and we may have instructions from the government how to dispose of it by the time we obtain it.

I repeat to you the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
Paso del Norte.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 28.

No. 611.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, November 25, 1865.

Note No. 346, of the 14th October, from your department, with the annexed copies, has communicated to me the different authorizations granted to General Sanchez Ochoa by the supreme government; to negotiate a foreign loan, purchase munitions of war, and for other purposes, as well as the recent instructions he had to act in concert with me. The original and duplicate, addressed to him from your department, has been delivered to him. In my notes 541 and 570, of the 2d and 9th of October, I informed you of General Sanchez Ochoa's arrival in New York, and what had been done up to that time about his bonds. Nothing important has occurred since.

I thought we might be excused for trying to determine what part of the proceeds of the bonds now in market each one should have. We left this point in abeyance to wait for orders from the supreme government. In the meantime Mr. Chenery, the agent of General Sanchez Ochoa, and of the merchants of San Francisco who advanced him funds, told the general he could raise one hundred thousand dollars by pledging the bonds. I told him to go on with the business and let me know when he was ready. I never saw Mr. Chenery, and all I know about the business I learned from General Sanchez Ochoa. I do not know how it is progressing, or if they have given up all hopes of accomplishing it.

General Sanchez Ochoa came to this city to visit General Grant and the Secretary of War, and has been with me since the 22d. I received a letter from New York to-day, containing the copy of one from San Francisco, dated the 27th of October, with very alarming reports about the bonds. I send you a copy and translation of the second letter. I showed it to General Sanchez Ochoa, and he said there was no danger of the bonds being sold at auction, for Mr. Chenery, Mr. Brannan's agent, told him they would not be sold in that way. I have advised him, however, to go back to New York and attend to the business. I also told Mr. Tift about it, so he might see Mr. Chenery immediately, and prevent any trouble.

General Sanchez Ochoa will return to New York the day after to-morrow. I repeat the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
Paso del Norte.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 29.

SAN FRANCISCO, *October 27, 1865.*

DEAR SIR: General Ochoa, the agent for the Mexican government (Juarez) for effecting a loan of \$10,000,000, has gone to New York with bonds issued for that purpose, in the hopes of selling the same in your city. Samuel Brannan, of San Francisco, holds a mortgage upon them conditioned for the payment of \$30,000 in gold, due in about thirty days from this date, and if not paid he has power to sell said bonds at public auction on ten days' notice. The matter will be attended to by the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Should these bonds be sold for the debt, and purchased by Mr. Brannan, he would be willing that others should unite with him in the purchase.

It occurred to me that you or Mr. ——— might make something out of them in case they are so sold for the debt. Mr. Brannan would be willing to let other parties take half of them at half the cost, say \$15,000 in gold, and interest and expenses added. You can ascertain all about it by inquiring at the said bank.

I am in hopes that General Ochoa will at once raise the money for Mr. Brannan and redeem his bonds, but should he fail and let them be sold it seems to me that something could be done to advantage. If so I would like to hear from you or Mr. ———.

Yours truly,

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 30.

No. 636.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, December 5, 1865.

Receiving fresh information that the ten millions of the bonds issued by General Sanchez Ochoa would be sold at auction to pay Mr. Brannan, of San Francisco, the thirty thousand dollars in gold that he had advanced, I wrote to the general on the 29th ultimo, as you will see from enclosed copy of the letter, asking him to tell me all he had done in execution of his commission, as well as what was doing, by copies of all the documents relating to the affair, and especially to his contract with Mr. Brannan, of San Francisco, to refund the thirty thousand in gold.

The general answered me on 1st that his adjutant, Mr. Fitch, would bring me the original contracts. I also enclose you a copy of his answer.

Mr. Fitch came the next day and read me the different documents and powers drawn up by General Sanchez Ochoa. One of them states that he pledged the ten millions in bonds for the payment of the thirty thousand dollars in gold advanced by Mr. Brannan, agreeing to have them sold at public auction if the thirty thousand were not paid in three months, or as many of them as would raise that amount. Mr. Fitch told me that Mr. Brannan and his lawyer had insisted on that clause, merely for his own security in every contingency; but they did not actually intend to sell them, preferring to wait till the advance could be conveniently refunded. I hear it was done on 24th of September, and was to have been paid on the 24th of November. Shortly after that date I was assured that the Bank of Commerce in New York, where the bonds were deposited, received an order by telegraph to sell them at auction; but as it was a