

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

delicate business the order was not complied with till a letter should arrive as expected on the 11th instant. I have also reliable information that the bonds were removed from the Bank of Commerce, where they were perfectly safe, to another house; I don't know where it is, but I fear it is not a very safe place.

Wishing to avoid the discredit and loss of the bonds being sold at public auction, I again advised General Sanchez Ochoa and Mr. Tift to do all they could to prevent it. General Sanchez Ochoa replied that Mr. Chenery, his agent, said he was sure of raising one hundred thousand dollars this week to pay Mr. Brannan, and some other expenses. The general has already waited some time on that promise, but I much fear he will be disappointed as he has been on former occasions.

As General Sanchez Ochoa's agent informed me that his documents had not been sent to his supreme government, I requested copies of them on the 3d, as you will see from the enclosed copy of the note. I have had no answer yet.

In my opinion this is a very serious business, and the worst is I have not the means to settle it satisfactorily.

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. 31.

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Washington, November 29, 1865.*

In note No. 246, of the 14th of October last, the citizen minister of foreign relations gives me certain instructions in regard to the commission of the supreme government which you are now executing, and of which you were informed by that minister through my mediation. In accordance with those instructions you will please give me a complete account of all you have done in discharge of that commission, as well as what you intend to do, and that is to be done, in writing, with the original documents pertaining to the affair, or copies of them, and particularly those relating to the arrangement you have made with Mr. Samuel Brannan of San Francisco, for an advance of thirty thousand dollars which he made to you.

With these few lines, I repeat to you the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *New York.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 32.

GENERAL OF THE REPUBLICAN ARMY IN COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES.

In reply to your note of the 29th ultimo, I send you by Mr. Fitch, an officer of the national army, the original papers of the contracts I made in San Fran-

cisco, in accordance with power granted me by the supreme government, hoping you will return them to me as soon as you have read them, so that I may send them to the citizen minister of relations.

Country, liberty, and reform! New York, December 1, 1865.

GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA.

Citizen Minister MATIAS ROMERO,  
*Plenipotentiary of the Republic.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 33.

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Washington, December 3, 1865.*

Mr. Fitch put into my hands your communication of the 1st instant, in which you inform me you send the original papers of the contracts you made in San Francisco, in accordance with powers granted you by the supreme government, which papers I requested of you in my note of the 29th of November last.

Mr. Fitch read me the documents, and explained them to me. I beg you to send me copies of all of them, with translations, if you can. Mr. Fitch will return the originals to you.

I repeat to you the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *&c., &c., &c.,*  
*New York.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 35.

This agreement, made this day of ———, in the year 1866, between the government of the republic of Mexico, by General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, agent of the republic of Mexico, and by the said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, acting for and in behalf of the said government of the first part, and Samuel Brannan, of San Francisco, California, of the second part, witnesseth :

That whereas the said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, for and in behalf and under the authority of the government of the republic of Mexico, is about to negotiate a loan of ten millions of dollars, and has appointed the said Samuel Brannan his agent for that purpose, and has assigned certain revenues of the said government to the said Samuel Brannan as security for the said loan by a proper indenture of assignment, duly executed and delivered on the sixteenth day of June, 1865; and whereas the said Samuel Brannan, as such agent, has undertaken the procurement of the said loan, and is now engaged in the necessary steps and proceedings in furtherance thereof, and has caused bonds of the said republic to be prepared to the extent of ten millions of dollars to be issued by said government: now, therefore, it is hereby agreed between the said contracting parties as follows :

First. That the said party of the second part will use his best endeavors to cause said bonds to be sold and disposed of at the highest prices or rates which he can obtain for the same, and will promptly pay over the moneys that may be obtained upon such sales to said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa for the said government.

Second. That the said party of the first part shall pay the expenses necessary for the preparation of said bonds, the compensation of clerks, editors, writers, and all other employes; printing, advertising, and all publications; the freights, charges, wages, salaries, insurance, commissions, and all other expenses incidental to and connected with the matter of collecting, receiving, and shipping at this port the said revenues assigned to and to be received and collected by the said Samuel Brannan, and the proper care, preservation, and investment of the same by or through the said party of the second part, and also all and every other expense, cost, or charge incidental to and necessarily and properly connected with or growing out of the matter of the procurement of said loan; the issuance and sale of said bonds, and the collection, shipment, preservation, and investment of said revenues, and the redemption, payment, settlement, and liquidation of said loan, and the return to the said government of any surplus of said revenues that may be left remaining in the hands of said party of the second part after said loan and all interest and expenses have been entirely liquidated.

Third. That in the matter referred to in article second the said party of the second part shall observe all economy consistent with success in the sale of said bonds, and in the principal matters involving expenditures (other than incidental expenses) and in establishing agencies for the sale of bonds in other places than California, the said party of the second part is required to consult the said General Ochoa or his representative, if present in California, as to the expediency, terms, and cost thereof.

Fourth. In addition to all the expenses above mentioned the said party of the first part shall pay to the said Samuel Brannan as a compensation for the services performed and to be performed by him in the matter of said loan the just and full sum or commission of one per cent., or one dollar upon the hundred, upon the amount of all moneys received for bonds sold, and the same commission upon the then market value in San Francisco of any of said bonds which may be otherwise disposed of, which said commissions shall be his full and only payment and compensation for all services.

Fifth. The said expenses as they shall be incurred by said Samuel Brannan, his agent or agents, and the said commissions as they shall be earned from time to time shall be deducted from the moneys then received for the sale of bonds, and shall be retained and paid to the said Samuel Brannan, and the surplus of such moneys then remaining on hand shall at once be delivered to said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, or his order, or such other persons as may be the agent of the republic of Mexico.

Sixth. In order to aid and facilitate the said Samuel Brannan in collecting, receiving, and shipping to San Francisco the government revenues which have been assigned, transferred, and pledged to him by the deed of assignment aforesaid, and upon the faith of the said government of the republic of Mexico, the said Samuel Brannan is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint and establish one or more agents of his, Mexicans or foreigners, as he shall see fit, and at his pleasure, who are actual residents at the several Mexican ports aforesaid, to receive the said revenues from the said Samuel Brannan and his agents; and each one of them is hereby authorized to receive said revenues as they are collected and paid in at said ports, or any of them, and to ship the same at once to San Francisco. But such agent or agents shall not in any manner interfere with the regular business of said custom-houses, and the custom-house and other authorities of said government, will aid and facilitate them in the performance of their respective duties; provided, however, that all money received by the

agents of the said Samuel Brannan at the custom-house of the States herein above named, shall be subject to the duties of exportation imposed by the laws of the republic then in force, and all profits of exchange or premium in Mexican coin shall be credited to the account of the government of the republic of Mexico.

Seventh. When the bonds, or so many of them as shall be issued, sold and disposed of, and all principal and interest thereon, and the expenses, charges, commissions, and disbursements herein above mentioned and referred to, shall have been fully liquidated, settled, and paid by the said government of the republic of Mexico, if there shall be any surplus of said revenues remaining in the hands or to the charge of the said Samuel Brannan, he shall at once return and refund the same to the said government by delivering the same to the agent of the said government at San Francisco.

And in testimony hereof the said government of the republic of Mexico hereby pledges its faith to the full and literal performance of this contract, and every part thereof, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and causes the same to be executed and delivered in its parts and behalf by and through the said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, its duly accredited and fully empowered agent, who, together with the said Samuel Brannan, whose faith and promise are pledged hereto, have signed and sealed these presents at San Francisco, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 1865.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of the witnesses:

FRED. B. FITCH,  
O. BADLAIN,  
S. BRANNAN,  
GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 36.

*Letters of attorney from General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, of the republic of Mexico, to Samuel Brannan, Esq., of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, United States of America.*

Whereas the government of the republic of Mexico, by the resolution of the President and council of ministers thereof, at Chihuahua, on or about the first day of March, in the year 1865, decreed and passed a due and formal resolution for the purpose of negotiating abroad a loan to be used by the republic of Mexico in the defence of the national cause, and authorizing the undersigned, the said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, to negotiate said loan to an amount not exceeding the sum of ten millions of dollars (\$10,000,000,) upon certain terms and securities in said resolution mentioned and set forth;

And whereas the said resolution and decree has been duly and formally made known and conveyed to the said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, and he has been fully and lawfully invested with the power and authority to make and negotiate said loan and perform all acts provided for in said resolutions, and as evidence thereof the official letters of said government of the republic of Mexico, dated March, 1865, have been duly issued and delivered to him, whereby General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa is fully authorized and empowered to proceed with the terms of said resolution :

Now, therefore, know all men by these presents, that I the said General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, have made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint Samuel Brannan, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, my true and lawful attorney in fact, for me and

in my name, place, stead, under the said resolution and official letter, to negotiate and contract for said loan to an amount not exceeding ten millions of dollars for and in the name of the government of the republic of Mexico, and to issue the bonds of said government or other evidences of indebtedness. Therefore, with right, power, and authority to appropriate to the payment of said loan (the principal and interest thereof,) any revenue of the government of the republic of Mexico, and especially all those taxes belonging to the general treasury of Mexico and proceeding from the mineral productions in the States of Sinaloa and Sonora, and likewise one half of all the duties collected at maritime custom-houses in all the states, departments and territories of the said republic of Mexico bordering upon the Pacific coast; and furthermore, with authority to appropriate the duties of said custom-houses in favor of the loaners, with the understanding and the pledge of said government of the republic of Mexico that the amount of said duties shall be credited to the account of interest and principal of said loan, granting and securing to them on the part of said government of the republic of Mexico in the regulation of duties the highest deduction which may have been latterly allowed in the ports of Mexico above named.

And furthermore, with full power and authority to make and negotiate said loan in such form and in such terms, as to the time or place of repayment and rate of interest and other matters, as he may see fit, as I can in my discretion, and as the agent of said government of Mexico, vest in him.

And furthermore, with full power and authority to do and perform under and by virtue of the said authorization, or any other power or authority I now possess or further obtain and possess from the said government of Mexico, for the purpose of or in relation to said loan.

Hereby giving and granting unto my said attorney full power and in the premises to perform every act and thing necessary to the full and complete performing and carrying into effect of the above matters and connected with or growing out of the same and which I myself could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the twenty-third day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

[SEAL.]

GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
*City and County of San Francisco, ss :*

On the seventh day of June, in the year 1865, before me, George C. Graham, clerk of the circuit court of the United States for the northern district of California, personally appeared Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, to me personally known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, as a party thereto, and thereupon the said Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the court the day and year last above written.

[U. S. internal revenue  
stamp, duly cancelled.]

GEO. C. GRAHAM,  
*Clerk U. S. Circuit Court N. District California.*

[Seal of the court northern  
district of California.]

CONSULADO DE LA REPUBLICA MEJICANA EN SAN FRANCISCO,  
CALIFORNIA, ES ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA.

En tien del mas de Junio de 1865, ante mi José Antonio Godoy, consul de la republica de Mejico, en San Francisco, California, comparer en persona el General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa á quien con eger personalmente y.

Certifico que so el mismo individuo enuncianado en el documento que ante cede y el mismo que le ejecuto de un libre y espontanca voluntad para los usas y fines que en él se esparan.

En testimonia de cual firmo el presente poniendo mi seilo oficial en la fecha antes repuda.

[Seal of the Mexican consulate at  
San Francisco, California.]

JOSÉ A. GODOY,  
*Consul de la Republica Mejicana  
en San Francisco, California.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

[Translation of consulate certificate.]

CONSULATE OF THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC IN SAN FRANCISCO,  
CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

On the 13th day of June, 1865, before me, José Antonio Godoy, consul for the republic of Mexico, in San Francisco, California, personally appeared General Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, with whom I am acquainted, and whom I certify to be the same person mentioned in the preceding document, who executed it of his own free will and accord, for the ends and purposes therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I sign the present, and affix the official seal on the day above written.

JOSÉ A. GODOY,  
*Consul of the Mexican Republic in San Francisco, California.*

No. 38.

No. 131.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Washington, February 22, 1866.*

On the 15th instant, after my note No. 111, in relation to General Sanchez Ochoa's new arrangements, I received the department note No. 9, of the 16th of January, informing me of the citizen President's decision in regard to the general's commission. When General Ochoa came to see me on the 16th I gave him the package sent to him from the department, and read him your note, and all of mine speaking of his arrangements, so he might see the sources of my information to the supreme government, in relation to his transactions. Yet he appeared offended, for I have not seen him since, though he is still in the city.

To-day I received department note No. 31, of the 23d of January, in which I should have received the copy of a communication you addressed to General Ochoa on the same day, but it did not come. I received, however, the open communication for General Ochoa, and took a copy of it. I sent it to him at his hotel to-day.

On the 19th I sent him the note, a copy of which is enclosed, containing the new instructions I have for him from the supreme government, and again requested a written report of all his public acts, with copies of his contracts. I tell him that my approbation, which is required by act of our government, must be in writing, and I request him to make this known to General Frémont. I sent him that communication on the 30th, with the private letter, of which I also

send a copy, and I received the same yesterday, and enclose you a copy of it.  
I repeat the assurances of my most distinguished consideration. \* \* \*

M. ROMERO.

The Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,  
*Paso del Norte.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 39.

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Washington, February 19, 1866.*

As early as the 3d of December last I requested you to give me a written account of the contracts you had made in execution of the commission conferred upon you by the supreme government, together with copies of all papers drawn up for that purpose. You then promised to do so as soon as you could, but I have not yet received the report, and up to the 4th instant I had only received copies of three contracts, or rather one contract and two powers, which you gave me in New York, at least one being wanting, namely, that of the pledge of the bonds, of which I had heard. I sent the three copies to the government, and have no duplicates left; therefore I hope you will send me other copies of them, with translations, and a copy and translation of the contract that is wanting, or of any others you may have signed as commissioner of the supreme government.

In relation to the approbation which you seem to think I gave to the new contract you tried to make with \* \* \* I must say to you that what I approved of in our conversations in New York was, that you should interest \* \* \* in our cause, under certain conditions. I did not consent to an arrangement of which I knew nothing, nor could I have consented to it in a private conversation with you, as you give me to understand I did, for such approbation should be in writing, according to the nature of the business, and as may be inferred from the terms of the note in which your commission was submitted to my direction and approval.

I received a communication from the citizen minister of relations, dated the 9th of January, which was communicated to you. By its instructions your mandate was brought to a close, and I allowed you to retain the title of commissioner only to settle the affair with Mr. Brannan or his agents, to prevent a public sale of the bonds, on consultation with me, and to sign no agreement without my previously written approval of its contents.

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

M. ROMERO.

Citizen General SANCHEZ OCHOA, *Present.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 42.

No. 160.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Washington, March 6, 1866.*

As I have received no answer to my note of the 19th of February to General Sanchez Ochoa, of which I sent you a copy with my note No. 131, of the

22d of the same month, and knowing that he is still in the city, busy with \* \* \* in putting their plan before Congress, I thought proper to ask him once more for an account of his commission, and I wrote him yesterday the despatch, of which I enclose a copy.

I send you a copy of the answer to-day and my reply to it, telling him I cannot approve his contract with \* \* \* . I am sure General Sanchez Ochoa will receive it with the same contempt as the others. \* \* \*

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. 43.

MEXICAN LEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
*Washington, March 5, 1866.*

On the 19th of February I requested you to give me an account of the agreement you had made with \* \* \* or other persons, in virtue of your authorizations from the supreme government, so that I might examine them in compliance with the instructions I have received from the citizen President for that purpose.

As I have yet received no such report, and as the delicacy of this business demands a prompt settlement, I again entreat you to be so good as to send me as soon as possible the said report in the terms I used in my former note.

I repeat the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, *Present.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 44.

GENERAL OF THE REPUBLICAN ARMY IN COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1866.

In reply to your note of yesterday I must inform you that you already have in your possession the agreements I made with \* \* \* I have sent you the originals of all contracts I have signed as commissioner of the supreme government, as well as an exact account of the course I have pursued in discharge of the important mission that has been intrusted to my care.

Country, liberty, and reform!

GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA.

Citizen MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY  
*of the Mexican Republic.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 45.

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Washington, March 6, 1866.

In reply to your note of to-day, which I have just received, I must say I do not understand what you mean by saying, "you already have in your possession the agreements I made with \* \* \*". I have sent you the originals of all contracts I have signed as commissioner of the supreme government, as well as an exact account of the course I have pursued in discharge of the important mission that has been intrusted to my care." Do you mean to say you have sent those documents to the supreme government or to me? I cannot tell which, as your language is ambiguous.

If you have sent the documents to our government, without giving me copies of them, and the report I requested, and which you promised in your letter of the 21st of February last, it seems to me you think I cannot or ought not to take any part in your business, when you know the President decided you should do nothing without my approbation, and without such approbation your acts are not binding upon the nation.

If you mean you have sent me the original contracts and report, I must inform you I have received neither of them. On the 2d of December last Mr. Fitch brought me a note from you, dated in New York the day before, informing me you sent the documents requested in your note of the 29th of November by him, asking me "to return them as soon as possible, so as to send them to the minister of relations." In my note of the 29th of November I requested you to give me a written account of all you had done in execution of your commission, and what you intended to do. You answered by sending Mr. Fitch to me with the original documents you had signed in execution of your commission. I returned them to you by Mr. Fitch, as soon as I had read them, and on the 3d of December I requested you, in an official despatch, to send me copies and translations of them.

You did neither; but on the 4th of February you gave me English copies of three of the documents, but no copy of the special hypothecation of the ten millions of dollars in bonds, issued in San Francisco, to pay for thirty thousand dollars in gold advanced by Mr. Brannan. The copies of the original contracts you gave me were sent to our government on the 15th of February, and that was the reason why I asked for other copies in my note of the 19th. As I got no answer, I repeated my request yesterday. When you say, "I have already sent you the contracts I signed as commissioner of the supreme government, and the exact account of all I have done officially," you do not mean that Mr. Fitch brought them to me, for that would be refusing the copies, and I certainly did not receive a *correct report* of your official acts. And I do not think you sent them after my second request, because in your private note of the 21st of February, you say you would answer mine of the 19th from New York, where you have all your papers, and send me copies from there. As I hear you did not go back to New York, you could not have sent me the documents, and I hope you will explain what has been done, so I may try to recover the documents if they are lost.

You also say in your letter to-day that I have the contracts you signed with \* \* \* \* . You know very well I have but one document in my hands, namely, the one handed to me by Mr. Fitch at Mr. Bruzual's house, on the evening of the 3d of February, the night he was married, and which I took for a memorandum, till you told me, on the 15th, it was a perfect contract, and this is the only one of your documents I now have.

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If you have pledged any more of the bonds to buy arms, as you tell me, please send me a copy of the contract for my examination and approbation.

M. ROMERO.

General GASPAR SANCHEZ OCHOA, &c., &c., &c., *Present.*

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 46.

No. 190.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Washington, March 14, 1866.

As General Sanchez Ochoa would not tell me where the bonds were deposited, though I had requested it in writing, I had to apply to Mr. Henry Clews, one of the principal bankers in New York, and a friend of mine, asking him to find out where they were, as you will see from the enclosed copy and translation of my letter to him, of the 12th instant. As soon as I find out where they are deposited, I will send an order to the bank and assume the responsibility of their preservation and exclusive disposition. \* \* \* \* This will require labor, expense, and trouble.

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. 47.

WASHINGTON, March 12, 1866.

DEAR SIR: I shall be very much obliged to you if you inform me in what house, or in whose hands, General Ochoa's bonds you know of are deposited. In case you do not know this, would you do me the favor to investigate the matter, and tell me what you may find out.

Very respectfully and sincerely yours,

M. ROMERO.

HENRY CLEWS, Esq.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 55.

No. 221.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Washington, March 24, 1866.

On the 17th instant I received a letter from Mr. Henry Clews, dated in New York the day before, of which I send you a copy and translation, (Nos. 1 and 2,) informing me that General Sanchez Ochoa's bonds are deposited in the house of Messrs. Van Auken, Garrison & Brumagin. On the same day I sent that