

No. 152.

WASHINGTON, *September 19, 1866.*

MY DEAR SIR: I received to-day your favor of yesterday acknowledging the receipt of my letter to you of the 14th instant, and informing me that "the whole ten millions of Mexican bonds will be delivered to me when I pay the amount due to Mr. Brannan and give him the guarantee against General Ochoa, as stated in your letter of the 15th instant," which has also been received.

I am glad to receive this information, and as soon as I can control the necessary funds, I will notify you of my readiness to make the payment under the conditions you express, and which are acceptable to me.

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

M. ROMERO.

Mr. PETER H. BURNETT,
Attorney in fact of Mr. Brannan, New York city.

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 155.

No. 790.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, November 27, 1866.

I received a letter from Mr. Mark Brumagin to-day, depository of the bonds signed by General Sanchez Ochoa, dated yesterday in New York, of which I enclose a copy and translation, in which he tells me the general is going to institute suit for the possession of the bonds, and has retained Messrs. O'Connor and Deming as his lawyers, and he proposes to keep me informed of occurrences.

I answer Mr. Brumagin to-day instructing him, if possible, to engage the services of Messrs. Barney, Butler and Parsons, whom I know personally, and in whom I have confidence, and telling him to let me know all that happens. I repeat the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, *Chihuahua.*WASHINGTON, *June, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 156.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY, No. 34 WALL STREET,
New York, November 26, 1866.

DEAR SIR: I have to inform you that there is about to be some trouble regarding the Mexican bonds.

I understand that Ochoa has commenced suit for possession of the \$9,500,000. I have no papers served upon me yet, but may have at any time.

Shall I have O'Connor and Deming to attend to their protection? Mr. Deming is an able lawyer, and Charles O'Connor you know, at least by reputa-

tion. Please consider this note strictly confidential, and I will keep you apprised of any new movement regarding the bonds.

Respectfully yours,

MARK BRANNAGIN.

Hon. M. ROMERO.

WASHINGTON, *June, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 157.

No. 820.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, December 6, 1866.

I remit to you the copy and translation of a letter from Mr. Brumagin, received to-day, dated in New York two days ago, correcting what he said in his last, of which I sent you a copy with my note numbered 790, of the 27th of November, about the lawsuit that it was supposed General Sanchez Ochoa was going to institute. It now seems a certain Mr. Green has brought suit against the general.

A friend of mine in New York informs me that General Ochoa wishes to submit to the supreme government, and wishes to see me about it. I tell him I see no impropriety about it, and I would like to contribute to his rehabilitation.

I repeat the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, *Chihuahua.*WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 158.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY, No. 34 WALL STREET,
New York, December 4, 1866.

DEAR SIR: Yours was duly received. It appears that it is not Ochoa who has commenced the suit, but A. A. Green against Ochoa, and attached the bonds.

General Ochoa is defending himself and the bonds. When necessary I will notify your counsel, as requested.

If you have written to Mexico charging General Ochoa, please do me the favor and the general the justice to set him right in the matter. The Bank of Commerce was our informant, but they made a mistake.

Yours respectfully,

MARK BRANNAGIN.

Hon. M. ROMERO.

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy:

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 165.

No. 197.] MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Washington, May 15, 1867.

Mr. Graham L. Hughes, of the house of Fitzhugh, Wilmer & Co., of New York, wrote me a letter on the 4th instant, of which I send you a copy and translation, informing me he had received a power from Mr. Samuel Brannan, of San Francisco, to settle with us the business relating to the mortgage of the bonds signed by ex-General Don Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa.

I answered him on the 6th instant, informing him I would be ready to redeem a portion of those bonds in a short time.

As soon as Mr. Leese's accepted bill was paid, to which I referred in my note numbered 184, of the 8th instant, I addressed to Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. the letter of which I enclose a copy and translation, (Nos. 3 and 4,) requesting them to pay one-sixth part of the bonds, if Mr. Hughes accepted the arrangement, as Mr. Brannan's representative. * * * * *

Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. agreed to make the redemption asked for, (Nos. 9 and 10,) and on the 13th they informed me (Nos. 11 and 12) that Mr. Hughes accepted the arrangement I had proposed. * * * * *

I repeat the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.
M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
San Luis Potosi.

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy :
IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 166.

WASHINGTON, *May 8, 1867.*

GENTLEMEN: Mr. Samuel Brannan, of San Francisco, advanced in the fall of 1865 \$48,478 26 in currency to Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, an agent of the Mexican government, who mortgaged to Mr. Brannan ten millions of Mexican bonds, printed in San Francisco by said General Ochoa. I believe Governor Burnett, who came over from the Pacific last summer, informed you of the details of this transaction.

I have instructions from my government to release the bonds as soon as possible, and I would like very much to do so, but having other engagements to fulfil, I cannot release for the present but one-sixth of them.

You will oblige me very much if you can undertake this transaction. Mr. Graham L. Hughes, of the firm of Messrs. Fitzhugh, Wilmer & Co. of your city, seems to be Mr. Brannan's agent, as appears from the enclosed letter, which I beg of you to return to me. Should he be willing to accept the partial payment I propose, please arrange this matter, using my funds now in your possession.

The date of the mortgage is September 26, 1865, and the interest one and one-half per cent. a month.

When the payment is made please obtain possession of the corresponding amount of bonds, and keep them subject to my order. I am afraid, if Mr.

Hughes does not accept these terms, I shall have to use the money for other purposes.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
M. ROMERO,

Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., *New York.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy :
IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 167.

MEXICAN LEGATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
No. 218.] *Washington, May 28, 1867.*

After writing my note No. 197, of the 15th instant, to your department, relating to the redemption of a sixth part of the bonds signed by Don Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa, I received on the 17th a letter from Mr. Graham L. Hughes, dated New York, the 16th, acknowledging the receipt of mine of the previous day, in which he says he heard that the bonds had been attached by an individual named A. A. Green, for General Sanchez Ochoa and the government of Mexico, and he proposed to me to have them sold, and bought up for the supreme government. I enclose a copy and translation of that letter, (Nos. 1 and 2,) and of the reply I made to it on the 17th, (Nos. 3 and 4,) telling him I did know that A. A. Green had attached the bonds, and that Don Gaspar Sanchez Ochoa had ceased to have anything to do with them.

I received no letter again on the subject till to-day, when one reached me from Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., dated in New York yesterday, in which I am informed that, in accordance with my instructions, they had paid Graham L. Hughes \$8,477 21, receiving in exchange \$1,500,000 of the bonds, which they cancelled immediately. The amount charged to me, their one per cent. commission included, is \$9,561 98, as you will see in the annexed account in the letter of Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. I enclose copies and translations of the letters, (Nos. 5 and 6,) and of the account, (Nos. 7 and 8.)

I answer Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. to-day, asking them to send me a certificate of the cancelling of the bonds, and to save them for the disposal of the supreme government.

I also enclose a copy and translation of my reply, (Nos. 9 and 10.) * * * * *

I repeat the assurances of my distinguished consideration.
M. ROMERO.

Citizen MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, *Mexico.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy :
IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 168.

OFFICE OF DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., BANKERS,
New York, May 27, 1867.

DEAR SIR: We to-day debit your account \$8,477 21, paid Graham L. Hughes, as per your instructions of the 8th instant, and have received from him \$1,500,000 Mexican bonds, which we have cancelled in pursuance of your instructions of the 10th instant, and hold the vouchers subject to your order.

Enclosed is a statement showing how the amount is made up. The parties preferred settling only three-twentieths instead of one-sixth, so as to surrender an even amount of bonds.

Trusting all will be found in order, we remain your most obedient servants,
DUNCAN, SHERMAN & CO.

M. ROMERO, Esq., *Washington, D. C.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

No. 169.

NEW YORK, *May 27, 1867.*

DEAR SIR: I have handed to Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. \$1,500,000 Mexican bonds, on account of Mr. Samuel Brannan, which Messrs. D., S. & Co. have redeemed in accordance with our understanding.

I hope it will not be long before you will be in a condition to redeem another portion of the bonds, if not the whole.

It would be, I think, very desirable to have those bonds in your hands.

Very truly your friend,

G. L. HUGHES,
Post Office Box 4,568.

Señor M. ROMERO, *Mexican Minister.*

WASHINGTON, *June 4, 1867.*

A true copy :

IGNO. MARISCAL, *Secretary.*

Mr. Seward to Mr. Romero.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, August 26, 1867.

SIR: I have had the honor to receive your communication of the 4th of June, last, covering a voluminous report on the correspondence between yourself and your government, in reference to the proceedings of one of the commissioners of the government of Mexico, sent to the United States with the view of procuring resources, during the recent war with France, and which correspondence you are pleased to communicate to this government for the protection of the interests of your government, and the vindication of your own course in the premises.

In compliance with your wishes, the said papers, will be duly filed in this department for such future uses as occasion may render necessary.

I avail myself of this opportunity to offer to you, sir, renewed assurances of my distinguished consideration,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Señor Don MATIAS ROMERO, *Sec., Sec., Sec.,*
Washington, D. C.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant, correspondence relating to recent events in Mexico.

JULY 19, 1867.—Read, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; ordered to be printed.

To the Senate of the United States:

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant, requesting me to furnish to that body copies of any correspondence on the files of the Department of State relating to any recent events in Mexico, I communicate a report from the Secretary of State, with the papers accompanying it.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, *July 18, 1867.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, July 18, 1867.

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate of the 8th instant, requesting the President, "if in his opinion not incompatible with the public interest, to furnish to the Senate copies of any correspondence on the files of the department, relating to any recent events in Mexico," has the honor to lay before the President the papers mentioned in the subjoined list.

Respectfully submitted:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

The PRESIDENT.