

suppose that he would reject it, and prolong a bloody war with its accompanying atrocities for the sole purpose of revenge.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Vera Cruz, March 3, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the situation of affairs here is in the precise condition as when the siege commenced. The imperial occupants of this city are perfectly satisfied with the position, holding the custom-house and receiving the entire revenue of the city.

The liberal force outside have not the material necessary to breach the walls, or the fighting men of sufficient stamina to take it by assault.

Some 250,000 dollars in the form of orders on this custom-house given by the imperial authorities at the city of Mexico to the inhabitants of that city, on account of moneys exacted from them by General Marquez, have been received in this city. On presentation to the collector of this custom-house, he coolly tells the holders of them that they are good, but his orders are not to receive them in payment of duties or pay them at present.

The French consul receives a similar answer in relation to the sum of fifty thousand dollars payable monthly by this custom-house as per convention made in the city of Mexico in February last.

With much respect, your obedient servant,
E. H. SAULNIER,
United States Consul.

Hon. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, *Minister to Mexico.*

Mr. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

No. 29.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 22, 1867.

SIR: Your despatch No. 29, of the 16th instant, has been received, containing extracts from an unofficial letter of Consul General Chase at Tampico.

It was accompanied with a number of La Sombra, official gazette of San Luis Potosi, April 24th ultimo, containing various decrees, one of which closes the port of Tampico, as long as it remains in possession of those who recognize the government of President Juarez.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, Esq., &c., &c.

Mr. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

No. 30.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 25, 1867.

SIR: Your despatch, without a number, dated the 17th instant, has been received, enclosing the account of John White, late special messenger with despatches to the government of Mexico, at San Luis Potosi.

Enclosed I return it to you, so that Mr. White may receipt it. Upon its reception so receipted, a check for the amount will be sent you, subject to his order.

I am, sir, yours, &c.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, Esq., &c., &c.

Mr. Plumb to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram—Received at the Department of State May 27, 1867, 9.35 a. m.]

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *May 26, 1867.*

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD:

I have this moment received the following despatch, by telegraph, via Galveston, dated at Matamoras, May 21:

“I have the honor to transmit to you the following official letter:

“‘SAN LUIS POTOSI, *May 15, 1867.*

“‘MY ESTEEMED FRIEND: *Vive la patria!* (The republic lives.) Queretaro has fallen by force of arms this morning, at eight o'clock. Maximilian, Mejia, Castello, and Miramon are prisoners.

“‘BENITO JUAREZ.’

“‘General BERRIZABAL.’

“Yours truly,

“M. B MARSHALL.”

E. L. PLUMB.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

No. 31.]

NEW ORLEANS, *May 28, 1867.*

SIR: Your despatches No. 26, dated April 30, No. 27, dated May 17, and No. 28, dated May 20, were all duly received.

I have no information in regard to the fall of Queretaro, and the capture of Maximilian and his army, other than that which has already been generally published in the newspapers.

There are various conflicting reports here as to the disposition the government of President Juarez has ordered to be made of Maximilian and his leading chiefs. These are too vague and uncertain to be relied on, and therefore I consider it useless to repeat them.

I have the honor to remain, most respectfully, your obedient servant,
LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

No. 31.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 29, 1867.

SIR: Your despatch No. 30, of May 21, with a copy of a letter to you from the United States consul at Vera Cruz, in relation to the situation of affairs in Mexico, has been received and read with interest.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, Esq., &c., &c., *New Orleans.*

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram.]

NEW ORLEANS, May 29, 1867.

HON. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State:*

No information yet, except what appears in the newspapers. The report that Maximilian is to be executed excites general indignation here against Juarez. It needs confirmation.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

No. 32.]

NEW ORLEANS, May 30, 1867.

SIR: I have received your despatches No. 29, of the 22d, and No. 30, of the 25th instants—the latter enclosing the account of Mr. White, late special messenger, which I herewith return receipted by him according to your directions.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

HON. WILLIAM H. SEWARD,
Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram.]

NEW ORLEANS, May 31, 1867.

HON. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State:*

News from Vera Cruz, via Havana, just received, confirms fall of Queretaro and capture of Maximilian and his whole army on 15th. Mexico and Vera Cruz still held by imperialists. Same news from Matamoras by steamer just arrived. Matamoras and Brownsville papers publish Tejada's reply to my despatch in full, and report that Maximilian and his generals were shot on the 16th. The latter report I consider unreliable.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

[Telegram.]

No. 33.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 1, 1867.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, Esq., *New Orleans:*

Proceed with as much despatch as possible to the residence of the President of Mexico, and enter upon your mission. Earnestly urge clemency to Maximilian, and other prisoners of war, if necessary.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

[Endorsement.]

JUNE 3, 1867.

I certify that the within is a true copy of telegram forwarded from this office, June 1, 1867.

CHARLES A. TINKER,
Manager Telegraph Office, War Department.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 3, 1867.

HON. W. H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State:*

Presuming that President Juarez is now, or very soon will be, in the city of Mexico, I propose to go there, via Vera Cruz, unless you instruct otherwise. Cannot the revenue cutter Wilderness be directed to convey me to Vera Cruz? The De Soto is also at this port.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Wm. H. Seward.

[The Western Union Telegraph Company.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 3, 1867.

HON. W. H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State:*

The following telegram is received from Mr. Campbell:

"Presuming that President Juarez is now, or very soon will be, in the city of Mexico, I propose to go there, via Vera Cruz, unless you instruct otherwise. Cannot the revenue cutter Wilderness be directed to convey me to Vera Cruz? The De Soto is also at this port.

"L. D. CAMPBELL."

F. W. SEWARD.

Mr. W. H. Seward to Mr. F. W. Seward.

[Telegram.]

RALEIGH, June 3, 1867.

HON. FREDERICK W. SEWARD, *Acting Secretary of State:*

Either vessel from New Orleans to Vera Cruz would be agreeable to the President and myself. See Secretary of Navy and answer accordingly.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Wm. H. Seward.

[The Western Union Telegraph Company.]

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

HON. WM. H. SEWARD, *Secretary:*

De Soto and Wilderness both on other duty, from which they cannot be spared by the department.

F. W. SEWARD.

Mr. Wm. H. Seward to Mr. F. W. Seward.

RALEIGH, N. C., June 4, 1867.

Hon. F. W. SEWARD,

Acting Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.:

Ask the Secretary of the Navy to send either ship, or any other, if he can, and advise Campbell. If no war vessel can be sent, Campbell must proceed the best way he can.

W. H. SEWARD.

Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

[Telegram.]

No 34.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 5, 1867.

Hon. L. D. CAMPBELL, *New Orleans:*

On inquiry it is found that both the vessels you mention are employed in other duty, from which they cannot be spared; and the Navy Department has none in your vicinity that is available. You will therefore proceed by whatever conveyance or route you may find most speedy or practicable.

F. W. SEWARD.

Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Wm. H. Seward.

[Telegram.]

[The Western Union Telegraph Company.—Dated Washington, D. C., June 5, 1867.—Received at Raleigh, N. C., June 5, 1867.]

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD:

No war vessel can be sent; have telegraphed Campbell accordingly, and to proceed by whatever route or conveyance he finds most speedy and practicable.

F. W. SEWARD.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 6, 1867.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD:

Shall I go to the city of Mexico via Vera Cruz, or to San Luis Potosi via Monterey? On this point I desire the department's instructions. Unless the government furnish me conveyance, my progress on either route must be slow and uncertain.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Wm. H. Seward.

[Dashaver's, June 6, 1867.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6, 1867.

Hon. W. H. SEWARD, *Chapel Hill:*

The following telegram has just been received.

F. W. SEWARD.

NEW ORLEANS, June 6, 1867.

Hon. WM. H. SEWARD:

Shall I go to the city of Mexico via Vera Cruz, or to San Luis Potosi via Monterey? On this point I desire the department's instructions. Unless the government furnish me conveyance, my progress on either route must be slow and uncertain.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward to Mr. F. W. Seward.

[Telegram.]

PETERSBURG, VA., June 7, 1867.

F. W. SEWARD, Esq., *Acting Secretary of State:*

Consult Romero about best route for Campbell to take, and instruct Campbell accordingly.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

No. 32.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 6, 1867.

SIR: Your despatches Nos. 31 and 32, of May 28th and 30th, have been received; the latter enclosing the account of Mr. White, late special messenger, which has been delivered to the disbursing agent of the department. Telegram, dated May 29, was also received.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

F. W. SEWARD, *Acting Secretary.*

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, &c., &c.

Mr. Romero to Mr. F. W. Seward.

[Memorandum.]

JUNE 8, 1867.

Mr. Romero called at the department this morning at the request of the Acting Secretary, who desired to consult him in regard to the best route for Mr. Campbell to take in order to reach his post.

Mr. Romero advised that if there was no government vessel which could take Mr. Campbell to Vera Cruz, then that his best course would be to go to Havana and there take the English or French steamer for Vera Cruz. If the city should be found to be occupied by the republican forces, land there; if not, then go to any United States naval vessel there and ask the captain to land him at Casa Mata, headquarters of General Benavides, and then he will probably have no difficulty in going from there to the city of Mexico.

Mr. Romero also left a copy of the despatch he had just received from President Juarez, dated San Luis Potosi, May 15, announcing the fall of Queretaro and the surrender of Maximilian.

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Mr. F. W. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

[Telegram.]

No. 35.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 8, 1867.

Hon. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, *New Orleans* :

If there is no direct communication with Vera Cruz, go to Havana and there take English or French steamer for Vera Cruz. If you find it occupied by republican forces, land there. If not, go to any United States naval vessel there and ask the captain to land you at Casa Mata, the headquarters of General Benavides, one mile from the city. The Secretary of the Navy directs that the commander of the Tacony, or of any United States vessel at Vera Cruz or its vicinity, render you all necessary assistance.

Mr. Romero advises this as your best course, and says you will probably have no difficulty in going from there to the city of Mexico.

F. W. SEWARD,
Acting Secretary.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram received at Department of State, June 10, 1867.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 10, 1867.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State* :

I learn that quarantine regulations forbid communication with Havana and Vera Cruz. I am also informed that transportation by English and French steamers from Havana to Vera Cruz is uncertain. Besides, I dislike going to Mexico under the English or French flag, unless you peremptorily instruct me to do so.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

[Telegram.]

No. 36.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, June 11, 1867.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, Esq., *New Orleans* :

Your despatch received. The President desires you to proceed to Mexico without delay according to previous instructions.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 15, 1867.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD :

Since the receipt of your despatch of eleventh I have been confined to my room by severe bilious attack. My physician says I cannot now go without hazarding my life, especially via Havana and Vera Cruz, where yellow fever prevails. If government considers it important to send minister immediately, I will tender my resignation, if desired.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Telegram.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 15, 1867.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State* :

Your telegram of this day received. I send formal resignation by mail and start for Ohio Tuesday.

The draft for messenger White, of which two hundred dollars is due me, has not been received.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. Seward.

[Sent also by telegraph.]

NEW ORLEANS, June 16, 1867.

No. 33.]

In pursuance of the telegrams of yesterday, I now formally resign my position as envoy, &c., &c., of the United States to the republic of Mexico.

I should do injustice to my own feelings not to avail myself of the occasion to say that my appointment and confirmation excited my grateful sensibilities, and that the compliment was more highly appreciated because, when the nomination was made, you knew I did not desire it.

It is gratifying to me also to know that during the entire career of this moving and somewhat anomalous legation, your instructions were always strictly obeyed, and that all my official acts have been approved, and some of them highly commended, by the Department of State.

And permit me to add, that it is not fully understood why, upon such a record, the government recently declined to furnish me the slightest facility for going under its own glorious flag directly to the shores of the struggling sister republic, and has required me to furnish my own conveyance to Havana, now sorely afflicted by a scourging epidemic, and thence proceed on my mission to Vera Cruz, a point of doubtful access, under the protection of the ensign of England or France, both enemies of republicanism, and responsible to some extent for the misfortunes of Mexico, and neither friend of the United States during our late terrible struggle for national existence. The primary object of this requirement would seem to be the safety of a fallen emperor whose unhallowed ambition led him to bid defiance to a principle long cherished in the hearts of the American people.

If the government to which my whole soul is attached is content with its record, I must be with mine. If you, its highest officers, are willing to receive a resignation forced on me by want of transportation, I am far more happy in returning the commission, of which I have been proud, than when I received it.

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,
LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Seward to Mr. Campbell.

[Telegram.]

JUNE 15, 1867.

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, *New Orleans* :

It is important that the minister to Mexico should proceed at once. Your resignation will, therefore, be accepted, with thanks for your service, and regret for your retirement. Communicate by telegraph.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Mr. Campbell to Mr. F. W. Seward.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL, NEW ORLEANS, *June 17, 1867.*

MY DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 12th instant is just received. As I am about leaving the city in a day or two, I have sent the letter of Mr. Bohman, which you enclosed, to Ramon S. Diaz, esq., the Mexican consul, who will forward it to San-Luis Potosi.

Very truly, yours, &c.,

LEWIS D. CAMPBELL.

Hon. F. W. SEWARD,

Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Wm. H. Seward to Mr. F. W. Seward.

[Telegram.]

RELAY HOUSE, MD., *June 21, 1867.*

FREDERICK W. SEWARD, *Assistant Secretary of State:*

Marcus Otterbourg, of Wisconsin, now consul at Mexico, is appointed minister to Mexico, *vice* Campbell, resigned. Send him despatch in my name by telegraph via New Orleans, thence both ways to Mexico by mail, announcing his appointment. He will act without waiting for commission, but commission will be immediately forwarded. Send my correspondence of this morning about Mexico to him.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Mr. Seward to Mr. Otterbourg.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, July 3, 1867.

SIR: The President having appointed you envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the republic of Mexico, I transmit herewith your commission in that character.

If you accept the commission you will be pleased to execute the enclosed oath, as required by law, and return it to this department.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

MARCUS OTTERBOURG, Esq.,
City of Mexico.



