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OCTOBER, 2nd, 1867.

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New York, September 16, 1867.

His Excellency, SEÑOR MATIAS ROMERO,

Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, from Mexico,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

The undersigned citizens of New York, desirous to testify in some public manner their esteem for your character as the representative of the Mexican Government, their appreciation of the services which you have rendered your country by steadily adhering to its cause under the greatest discouragements, and their interest in the welfare of Mexico, invite you to a Dinner at such time as may suit your convenience to appoint.

Respectfully, your obedient Servants,

PETER COOPER,
WM. H. ARPINWALL,
PAUL SPOFFORD,
M. H. GRINNELL,
H. H. VAN DYCK,
HENRY CLEWS,
SAM'L G. COURTNEY,
JAMES ROBE,
CHAR. W. SANDFORD,
FRANCIS SKIDDY,
SHEPARD GANDY,
PARK GODWIN,
WM. H. GARRISON,
BENJ. HOLLIDAY,
ELLIOTT C. COWDIN,

WM. C. BRYANT,
JAMES W. BEEKMAN,
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WM. E. DODGE, JR.,
JOHN JAY,
HENRY WARD BEECHER,
DAN'L BUTTERFIELD,
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Washington, September 18, 1867.

GENTLEMEN :

I have been honored with the letter you had the kindness to address me on the 16th instant, inviting me to a Dinner at such time as may suit my convenience to appoint.

It is very gratifying to me, gentlemen, that such good friends of mine and prominent citizens of New York as you, who have encouraged me so much throughout the contest, would now tender me this significant demonstration, selecting a time when I am about returning home, after having obtained, thanks to a merciful Providence, the patriotism of the Mexican people and the noble sympathy of the people of the United States, a crowning success in all the objects of my labors.

I take this flattering demonstration to be the renewed expression of your sympathy for the efforts of the Mexican people in defending the Independence of their Country and the institutions of their choice, and for the patriotic conduct of the Republican Government which did so much to achieve success.

It will afford me a great deal of pleasure to meet you in the proposed social celebration of our success, which will, in my opinion, prove advantageous to this country as well as to my own, and for which we are so much indebted to you.

Availing myself of the privilege you have been good enough to grant me, I will name Wednesday, the 2d of October, as convenient to me, and hope that this time may also be acceptable to you.

I am, Gentlemen, with high respect, most truly,

Your obedient servant,

M. ROMERO.

To Messrs. William Cullen Bryant, Peter Cooper, William H. Aspinwall, Paul Spofford, James W. Beekman, Henry A. Smythe, H. H. Van Dyck, Samuel G. Courtney, Benjamin Holliday, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, James Robb, Maj. Gen'l Butterfield, William E. Dodge, Jr., Theodore Roosevelt, Maj. Gen'l Sandford, Francis Skiddy, Henry Clews, William R. Garrison, Park Godwin, David Hoadley, Wm. G. Fargo, Maj. Gen'l Ingalls, Shepard Gandy, John A. Stewart, Judge Whiting, J. Grant Wilson, Elliott C. Cowdin, John Jay, Moses H. Grinnell, Hiram Barney,

Of New York.

LETTERS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, Sept. 27, 1867.

To HIRAM BARNET, JAMES W. BEEKMAN, WILLIAM E. DODGE, Jr., THEODORE
ROOSEVELT, and HENRY CLEWS, Committee, &c., New York.

GENTLEMEN:

I regret that business here will deprive me of the pleasure of being present at the entertainment so justly and properly tendered by eminent citizens of New York to my highly respected and esteemed friend, Mr. ROMERO, the Minister who has so long represented the Republic of Mexico at this Capitol, with distinguished ability, fidelity, frankness, and courtesy. With thanks for your kind invitation, and with the assurance of high respect,

I am, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES, }
Washington, D. C., Sept. 27, 1867. }

MY DEAR SIR:

Your polite invitation for me to be present at a Dinner to be given to Señor ROMERO, Mexican Minister, &c., is received. I regret to think it improbable that I will be able to leave this city at the time specified. I regret this because of the high appreciation I have always held the recipient of your compliment in, personally, and the sympathy I have felt for the cause which he has so ably and zealously represented. His cause was our cause, to a greater extent probably than will ever be appreciated, now that success has attended it. Failure would have demonstrated how much we were interested in the success of the Liberals of our

Sister Republic. Hoping that you will have a pleasant time, and clearly demonstrate to Señor Romero the heartfelt sympathy of loyal Americans for the cause of free government in his country,

I subscribe myself,

Respectfully and truly, your friend,

HIRAM BARNEY, Esq., Chairman, &c.

U. S. GRANT, General.

Washington, September 30th, 1867.

GENTLEMEN:

I regret my inability to be present on the occasion of the complimentary Dinner which is to be given to Señor ROMERO, on the 2nd of October. Other duties detain me here. It would afford me great gratification to unite with you in complimenting one who has with eminent fidelity and ability represented the Republic of Mexico at Washington, during the trying period when his country and our own had difficulties of no ordinary character to surmount. From constant intercourse with him through those eventful years I can bear testimony to his unfaltering devotion to the cause of Constitutional freedom, and I am happy to congratulate him that he can, without molestation from foreign invaders, return to the Republic which he has so faithfully represented.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GIDEON WELLES.

HON. HIRAM BARNEY, Chairman, &c.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, 28th Sept. 1867.

GENTLEMEN:

Cordially sharing in your esteem for Mr. ROMERO, and in your appreciation of his character and eminent public services, it is with regret that I find that the pressure of official duties here will prevent my accepting your kind invitation to be present at the Dinner which has been tendered to him in New York.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

F. W. SEWARD.

HON. HIRAM BARNEY, Chairman, &c.

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 28, 1867.

GENTLEMEN :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your polite invitation to a Dinner given to Mr. ROMERO, Minister from our sister Republic of Mexico. I regret exceedingly that my public duties will prevent my being present on so interesting an occasion. I regret it the more as I have great respect for Mr. ROMERO, for the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his Government in a time of severe trial, while residing near the United States Government, and I trust that he may receive from the citizens of his own country the kind attention he has received from the citizens of the United States.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

DAVID D. PORTER, Vice-Admiral.

HON. HIRAM BARNEY, Chairman, &c.

PENNSYLVANIA EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 30, 1867.

MY DEAR SIR :

I have the honor to acknowledge your kind invitation to be present at the complimentary Dinner to be given to Señor ROMERO, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Mexico. I should be much pleased to accept, but my business engagements will not permit, and I request that you will extend to your colleagues on the committee my thanks for their courtesy, and to your distinguished guest my kindest wishes for his personal welfare and for the future peace and prosperity of the Republic he so long and ably has represented at Washington.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN W. GEARY.

HON. HIRAM BARNEY, Chairman, &c.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL, New York, Oct. 2, 1867.

GENTLEMEN :

I regret exceedingly that my engagements compel me to leave for Ohio this afternoon, which will deny me the pleasure of joining you at Dinner this evening,