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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, D. C., May 20, 1884.

SIR: Capt. Edward Maguire, Corps of Engineers, has submitted to this office a short series of papers containing information procured by him while on leave of absence in Europe during the summer of 1883.

The papers contain information which it is thought will be useful to officers of the Army generally, and I respectfully recommend that authority be granted to have them printed, with the accompanying plates, at the Government Printing Office, and that 1,000 copies be obtained for the Engineer Department upon the usual requisition.

The papers are transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN NEWTON,
Chief of Engineers, Brigadier and Brevet Major General.

Hon. ROBERT T. LINCOLN,
Secretary of War.

Approved.
By order of the Secretary of War:

JOHN TWEEDALE,
Chief Clerk.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *May* 28, 1884.

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UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE,
Buffalo, N. Y., December 24, 1883.

GENERAL: I have the honor to forward herewith a short series of papers containing information procured by me while on leave of absence in Europe during last summer.

I submit them simply as possible additions to the professional notes collected in the office of the Chief of Engineers. The subjects of which they treat were interesting to me, and I hope may prove so to some one else.

I found that an officer traveling in Europe without official letters has but few opportunities of seeing or learning anything of military or any other governmental work.

I am indebted for politeness to Geheim-Finanzrath Claus Köpcke and to Wasserbau-Director M. W. Schmidt, of Saxony; to Capt. I. Trauzl, formerly of the Austrian Engineers, and to the secretary of the American legation at Paris. To our minister to Austria, Judge Alphonzo Taft, I am particularly indebted for great courtesy. He did all that he could to assist me in making my visit to Vienna profitable and pleasant.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. MAGUIRE,
Captain of Engineers, U. S. A.

To the CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.