

TRADEMARKS

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The Swiss Minister to the Secretary of State

SWISS LEGATION
WASHINGTON, April 27, 1883

*To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Washington*

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: The undersigned, Minister of the Swiss Confederation, has this day had the honor to receive your note of the 24th instant, whereby you had the kindness to acquaint him with your views concerning an exchange of declarations between the United States and the Swiss Confederation, relative to the mutual protection of trade-marks.

The undersigned sees by the aforesaid note that you would prefer to make such an arrangement between the United States and Switzerland in the form of an exchange of notes, inasmuch as that form appears to you to be the most simple, and the best calculated to avoid the difficulties connected with the ratification of a declaration or a convention.

The undersigned has the honor to reply that, for his part, he attaches no special importance to the form of the arrangement, and that he thinks he may say that his Government likewise favors the method proposed by you. In fact, the undersigned, by a communication of the 6th of March last, laid before the Federal Council the text of your note of the 5th of that month, and, at the same time, he proposed to try an exchange of declarations, which, as regards the form, would coincide with your views. The Federal Council having consented thereto by its communication of March 30th, and having instructed the undersigned, with full powers, to make such an arrangement, the undersigned thinks that he represents the intentions of his Government by giving his adhesion to an exchange of notes.

As regards the question whether the principle of reciprocity is embodied in the Federal law of December 19, 1879, the undersigned has the honor to invite your attention to the text of Article 7, paragraph 2, of the Federal Law of December 19, 1879, and also to the contents of the message of the