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The American Minister to the Minister of State

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to lay before you fully, the views of my Government regarding what it deems advisable and necessary in restoring to effect and operation the Arrangement for Reciprocal Privileges of Copyright between the United States and the Spanish Dominions, which led to the Proclamation on this subject of the President of the United States, of July 10, 1895.¹

I am instructed to bring before Your Excellency and the Government of His Majesty, which you so worthily represent, the information that although for a period of time prior to the Treaty of Paris,² reciprocal registration of Copyrights between the two countries was suspended, yet the Proclamation of the President has not been revoked or modified in any particular.

I am further instructed to lay before your attention the fact that, under the authority and with the advice and consent of the Attorney General of the United States, registration of titles of works of citizens of Spain has been resumed at Washington since April 11, 1899, before the competent authority to that end, namely, the Librarian of Congress.

From this view, it follows that, in the opinion of my Government, nothing is needed to restore fully and completely the effect, and again reciprocally to put into operation the Arrangement regarding Reciprocal Copyright Registration as it existed from July 10, 1895, down to April 21, 1898, between the two countries, other than an exchange of notes, and a Declaration on the part of His Majesty's Government, similar to that of July 6, 1895.

If this view is in accord with that of Your Excellency, I shall be authorized on the part of my Government to carry the same into effect, in the manner above indicated.

¹ For exchange of notes at Washington July 6 and 15, 1895, see TS 342-A, *ante*, p. 597.

² TS 343, *ante*, p. 615.