

## LETTERS ROGATORY

*Exchange of notes at Washington and Manchester, Mass., August 5 and 7, 1901; declaration signed at Washington November 7, 1901  
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### EXCHANGE OF NOTES

*The Secretary of State to the Spanish Minister*

AUGUST 5, 1901

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your personal note of the 30th ultimo to Dr. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State, in which you advise him that your Government is disposed to conclude by an exchange of notes the agreement (suggested in your memorandum of April 18th last and this Department's of June 5th last) for the purpose of dispensing with the authentication of signatures affixed to letters rogatory issuing from Spanish courts to those of Porto Rico and the Philippines, and from the courts of Porto Rico and the Philippines to those of Spain, if the letters rogatory shall be transmitted through the diplomatic channel.

In reply I have the honor to quote the memoranda exchanged as follows:

[TRANSLATION]

"LEGATION OF SPAIN

*"April 18, 1901*

"The Spanish Government does not require the signatures of United States authorities intervening in the execution of rogatory commissions, issued from Spain to be authenticated; and in reciprocity of this measure, is anxious that the United States Government should not in the future require the authentication of signatures of Spanish officials who execute American rogatory commissions in Spain.

"As all these documents are transmitted from the two governments through the diplomatic channel, the Spanish Government considers that this fact should alone guarantee their authenticity."

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