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The Italian Legation to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION]

ROYAL LEGATION OF ITALY

Washington, October 28, 1892

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

The Government of His Majesty the King of Italy has carefully examined the copyright act of March 3d, 1891,³ especially that part of article 13 which provides that the benefit guaranteed by the aforesaid act "shall only be secured to the subjects or citizens of a foreign nation or State when such State or nation guarantees to the citizens of the United States of America the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to its own subjects or citizens, and I now have the honor to inform you, in obedience to the instructions of His Excellency His Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the Italian Government is prepared to give that of the United States the assurance required by the law in question.

I have consequently been instructed to carry to Your Excellency the formal assurance that "the Italian law permits to the citizens of the United States the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis on which it is guaranteed to the subjects of the King of Italy," and to request that, in virtue of this declaration, the President may be requested to admit Italian subjects to the enjoyment of the afore-mentioned copyright act of March 3d, 1891.

In making this announcement to, and this request of Your Excellency, it is proper for me to express the desire of my Government that the agreement may take place in such a manner that each of the two Governments may at

¹ *Department of State Bulletin*, Apr. 4, 1948, p. 455.

² TIAS 1648, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 325.

³ 26 Stat. 1106.