Department of State
Monrovia Janu 15. 1883

Sir

I have the honour as well as regret to inform you that in consequence of a fit of illness with which His Excellency Anthony W. Gardner was seized some weeks ago totally disabling him for official duties he has this day resigned the position of President of this Republic.

The Honorable Vice President Alfred F. Russell will now assume the office of President to the close of the term

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
G. W. Gibson

Hon. Leopold Varrance
Consul General for Liberia
Paris

Department of State
Monrovia Liberia Aug 9, 1883

Hon L. Carrance
Consul General for Liberia,
Paris.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your several despatches together with that of July 13th enclosing a Contribution, and to thank you for the same.

I am glad to learn that Mr. Verdier has been received by the Government and is permitted to enter upon the exercise of the functions of his office.

Your despatch of June 8th was duly received, and the valuable information therein carefully noted. And I have the honour to convey to you the approbation as well as the thanks of the Government for the active part you took at the war-office to make the Republic of Liberia known.

The Government highly appreciates the new tokens of sympathy on the part of the French Republic towards this State referred to in your despatch of June, and hopes that the friendly relations may be strengthened and perpetuated.

Referring to your suggestions that some diplomas of the Order of African Redemption be sent you to be conferred on certain parties. I have to say that since the retirement of Ex-President Gardner, it has been concluded by the Government to confer the Order only in special cases where indi-

viduals have rendered valuable service to Liberia or Africa, in which case the service rendered must be named, and the application have the endorsement of the Liberian Consul General of the country of which the applicant is a citizen. This safe guard is deemed to be necessary for the welfare of the Order.

If as Consul General you see fit to send the name of any person or persons who have rendered service as above named, with your endorsement I shall be at liberty to forward you the required diplomas. I need scarcely observe that under these new conditions very few are issued, only three outside of the Republic this year.

Your recommendation in favor of Eugene Laureal Esq. as Consul for Liberia at Cette is approved, and I herewith enclose a Commission for him and another blank one in case you have need for it.

With renewed assurance of high esteem I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

L. A. Gibson

Department of State Washington
September 3 1883.

Sir,

Your despatch of June 8th last came to hand with a copy of a communication from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, sending his and the congratulations of the French Government, to Hon. Alfred F. Russell on his being raised to the dignity of President of the Republic.

You will take an early occasion to assure the Government of that Republic of the appreciation with which this new token of sympathy towards Liberia is received by President Russell and that it will be his cherished object during his administration to strengthen and perpetuate the friendly relations subsisting between France and this State.

The President observes with very deep interest the operation of the French Government referred to in your despatch, in preparing maps and a history of Western Africa, and is pleased to know that you have in behalf of this Republic been able to furnish some assistance to the gentlemen entrusted with the work. Especially that the map of Liberia, constructed at the instance of this Government by the Hon Benjamin Anderson meets the approval of the War office, and is taken as the basis of the work in connection with this portion of the coast.

The Government highly approves of your course in endeavoring to afford to those engaged in this important enterprise the most careful & complete information touching this part of the Coast, as the Republic cannot avoid being deeply concerned in all efforts put forth by the Christian nations of Europe and America for the advancement of Africa.

Nor can it be doubted for a moment that in view of the closely connected Colonial interests of France and Great Britain with the Liberian Republic, there ought to be some definite agreement with regard to a Coast policy, and boundaries, that would facilitate the objects that all the Governments have in view, and at the same time prevent the occurrence of anything that would tend in the least degree to strain the friendly relations between them.

I am &c

G. D. Gibson

Havre le 5 janvier 1884

Monsieur Le Consul Général

Je suis toujours dans l'attente d'une réponse au sujet de ma demande à son excellence G. W. Gibson, en date du 24 Mars 1882.

Je dépense annuellement comme Président de la société des Magasins du Havre, une somme de Cinq cents francs ; si le Gouvernement de Libéria me trouve digne de le représenter au Havre comme Consul, je donnerai ma démission et je ferai un don annuel à ce Pays d'une pareille somme. Je puis alors consacrer tout mon temps aux intérêts de la République de Libéria.

J'ai cru devoir remplir toute obligation, avec Mr. Huard, et cela depuis l'entretien que j'ai eu l'honneur d'avoir avec Mr. le Chargé d'Affaires.

Veuillez, agréer, Mr. Le Consul Général, l'assurance de mon entier dévouement.

J. Decker

Decker. Président de la Société des Magasins du Havre

Monsieur Leopold Carranza, Consul Général chargé d'affaires de la République de Libéria pour la France, à Paris, nous communique l'acte suivant que nous nous empressons de porter à la connaissance du public.

« La Législature de la République de Libéria réunie en session ordinaire « 1883/84, rend par acte approuvé en date du 18 Janvier 1884 de « proclamer la décision suivante :

« : La Ville de Nissou, dans le Comté de Sinoe, est déclarée « désormais port ouvert à l'importation et à l'exportation pour « le commerce intérieur et celui de l'étranger, et comme tel, soumis « à toutes les lois et réglements qui régissent les autres ports d'importation « et d'exportation de la République de Libéria »

Paris le 16 Mars 1884

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· EGYPTE ·

Paris, le 11 Mai 1887

Répondu le 13 mai

Monsieur le Consul de Liberia
Bordeaux

Si je me suis adressé à vous monsieur pour savoir l'adresse de M. Villette, c'est qu'il s'est présenté à moi avec une carte de votre consulat, sur laquelle il était désigné comme Chancelier habitant paris rue de Moscou 46.

Grâce à cette qualité je lui ai livré différents bijoux pour lesquels il m'a accepté une traite qui n'a pas été soldée à l'échéance, le protêt relatant qu'il avait déménagé sans laisser d'adresse.

Le fait de s'être donné une fausse qualité rendant cette affaire du domaine correctionnel, je vous serais obligé de mettre le comble à votre amabilité en me disant, s'il a eu ce titre? et depuis combien de temps il en est privé.

Vous comprendrez l'importance que j'attache au renseignement demandé et vous prie d'agréer monsieur le Consul l'assurance de ma considération distinguée.

[signature]

Imp. L. Gaste Paris

1887

Lettres de Liberia
à Consulter

Diverses Lettres
Et notes
à Consulter
à mon arrivée
à Paris

Department of State.

No 6.

Monrovia. October 13th 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, dated 25th July, 1884.

2. I had, previous to the receipt of yours, under date of August 18th. last, written you, and sent you a copy of the Statutes of Liberia, especially calling your attention to that part of our national Constitution that forbids the purchasing or leasing of the Public Domain from the aborigines, or others — citizens of this Republic. I hope ere this, it has been received, and has proved satisfactory to the French Government, in relation to the lease of a portion of our lands by that French Trading Company, some one of our aborigines.

I agree with you in the hope that "the Agent of the Senegal & West Coast of Africa Company will be blamed and will have henceforth no desire to begin again."

3. I have to thank you for the lists of consuls in France. I am suprised to find the list so small, but readily believe that it is owing to the fact, that, as you state, you "only seek men of a high standing and devoted to — your (my) country" for the consular office.

3.

Honorable Leopold Lavanee
Liberian Consul General
Paris, France.

3. I have to thank you for your timely information as to the intended Exhibition to be held in Paris, during the year 1889. I hope my country may be able to be an exhibitor there; I hope our legislature will make timely provisions for our Exhibiting.

4. Hoping to hear soon that the matter of the lease, said to have been made by the Agent of the Senegal & West Coast of Africa Co. has been settled in our favor, by the French Government - declaring said lease to be void and illegal;

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant.

W. H. Davis

Department of State.

No. 5.

Monrovia. August 18th. 1884.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, marked No. 1. No. 2. and dated 27th June 1884, and covering a copy of the official letter of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Government.

2. In reply I beg to assure you that His Excellency the President is highly gratified to learn that there is a prospect of a speedy and satisfactory conclusion of that unpleasant interference of the agent of the Senegal and West coast of Africa Trading Company's with our territorial rights.

3. I have pleasure in forwarding to you, by this mail, a copy of a new compilation containing, our national constitution, and the laws passed by our legislature prior to the year 1858:. The 14th Section of Article V. of our Constitution, as found on the 58th. page of the Volume sent. forbids the purchase of lands by our citizens or any individuals from the aborigines. All purchases of lands, or leases of lands, must first be obtained from the Government, who has the right of eminent domain in all lands within

Hon: Leopold Carrance
Liberian Consul General,
Paris, France.

within our territory. As the Government of France, I am sure holds this doctrine with regard to its territory, it will the more readily concede the same to us.

4. As to the purchase of a small war vessel, I will not now mention or propose terms of purchase; but my object in writing you on the subject was to ascertain if such a vessel could be obtained on reasonable conditions, so that we might lay the matter before the next legislature, if necessary, and ask for special legislation on the subject.

5. I note what you say, concerning the Equestrian Order of Civil and Military Merits, but I have not yet seen the Statutes you sent to my predecessor, Mr Gibson. Your remarks, as to the mistakes made in the distribution of the order of African Redemption, which I have to admit are quite correct, make me hesitate in recommending the creation of a new Order by my Government, at least for the present.

6. I have considered what you say about "Certificates of Consuls signed in blank" but the Government fails to see the advisability of such a course. While we have every confidence in your good sense and sound discretion in making appointments, yet that course would establish a precedent that might prove detrimental in other quarters; for you must be aware that most men are quick to follow precedents and to claim

privileges

privileges for themselves that they see granted to others.

7. I will endeavor to read up your correspondence with my predecessor, as you request, but I am not certain that I shall be able to find all the letters that you refer to, because of the reasons that I have already stated to you.

8. Can you give me the names of the persons who have, to your knowledge received the Order of African Redemption, their residences and the class of insignia they have?

With assurances of regard

I remain

Sir

Your obedient Servant.

W. H. Davis

Paris le 1er Decembre 1884

a Son Excellence

Davis

Secretaire d'Etat de la republique

de Liberia

a Monrovia

Excellence

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser reception de votre depeche en date du 13 octobre ~~[illegible]~~ Ecoulé repondant seulement a ma lettre du 25 juillet dernier

J'ai l'espoir que son Excellence votre très honoré President, a déjà reçu mon courrier du 3 octobre lui portant mes tristes et penibles compliments de condoleances

Je ne doute pas non plus que votre Excellence n'ait reçu successivement mes depeches du 12 et 25 octobre 1884, le dernier courrier lui portant, avec les statuts de l'ordre Equestre ~~civil et~~ du merite civil et militaire

La correspondance Echangée en 1879, entre Mr. Wadington ministre des affaires etrangères a Paris et Mr. Gibson votre predecesseur

Pour la complete édification de votre Excellence j'ajoute a cet envoi, la copie de la lettre que m'adressait le 15 janvier 1881 Mr. Barthelemi St Hilaire qui était a cette époque ministre des affaires étrangères a Paris

Ceci completera le dossier que votre Excellence me dit ne pouvoir pas retrouvé dans les archives.

Je vous remet egalement ci joint

La copie de la lettre du 21 octobre 1884 que vient de me faire parvenir Mr. Jules Ferry President du Conseil Ministre des affaires Etrangères, d'ou il ressort clairement que que vous avez avec l'affaire ~~de~~ la Cie du senegal cotes occidentales d'Afrique

Madame Frédérique Helly,
Veuve de Mr. Houlé, ancien Banquier
a l'honneur de vous faire part de son
mariage avec Monsieur Collin de
Paradis, Banquier.

Château de Maizières, le 20 Avril 1883.

Etant ~~[illegible]~~ absolument privées
c'est à vos tribunaux seulement qu'il appartient
de juger cette affaire et de la terminer
Le gouvernement français ne peut s'en rapporter
qu'à l'article 10 du traité de Commerce passé en
1872 avec Liberia
Dans ces conditions
à cet égard et le jugement
Et exécutable qui sera rendu
Et Exécutable ne ~~[illegible]~~ sera
Désavoué ici

Cape Mount School,
Liberia, West Africa.

(Monrovia) December 1, 1884

Hon. Leopold Carranco

Dear Sir,

I am spending a week or two in Monrovia during the session of the National Legislature, and am glad to learn from the department of State that you still have the confidence of the present administration. I spent an evening with President Johnson last week, and had a long talk with him concerning Government matters. He has had much trouble and perplexity since his inauguration in January last. I have reassured him of my deep interest in the success of his administration, and have concluded to help him as much as I can consistently with other engagements. I feel sure that you will do the same.

I am glad to be able to inform you that with the aid of friends in the United States of America, I have been able to organize and push forward a training institution for native youth in this Republic. I enclose copies of the Rules governing the same. I have in the school One hundred and thirty five pupils, and five teachers, and wish to increase

the number of students to at least two hundred during the next year. I need scholarships for the support of sixty five more pupils. Twenty five dollars per year support a student. Can you get some of the friends of Liberia who are members of the Order of African Redemption to undertake the support of scholarships at the above named rate? If you can get support for four scholarships it would afford an education to four heathen boys, and thus add four more trained citizens to this Republic.

One of the most important needs of Liberia at present is Educational Institutions for both native and Liberian youth. It was this view that led me to give up my connection with the Government last year, in order to build up the one now under my charge. I shall feel thankful therefore for any aid that the friends of Africa are willing to contribute to this end.

Any aid that you may secure for this purpose may be sent to the agent in New York

The Rev Joshua Kimber
23 Bible House
New York N.Y.
U.S.A.

Yrs

writing please say that the amount this sent is intended for the native school at Cape Mount under my charge

Trusting that you and your friends are well,

I remain Sir,

Yours truly

G. W. Gibson.

Paris 2 Decembre 1884

a Son Excellence

H. R. W. Johnson

President de la republiq. de

Liberia

a Monrovia

Excellence

C'est avec le plus profond Respect Et la plus vive sympathie

Que je viens au renouvellement de l'année presente a votre Excellence si éprouvée mes voeux dévoués ; pour que le ciel accorde, a votre Excellence ~~a votre chère famille~~ et a ses chers Enfants ~~et famille la~~, la santé si nécessaire pour ~~[illegible]~~ le bien de tous, et les consolations ~~de famille~~ et satisfaction de famille ~~[illegible]~~

Department of State.

Monrovia. December 11th 1884.

Sir,

I take pleasure in forwarding you enclosed two copies of the Annual Message of His Excellency President Johnson, delivered to the Legislature of the Republic of Liberia, in the Senate Chamber, on the 9th inst at 12 o, clock. M.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

H. Ms. Davis

Hon: Leopold Favance.
Liberian Consul General
Paris.
France.

CH. LABOURIAU
Rue de Turenne, 119
PARIS

répondre le 10 mai
que M. ne connaissait pas
ce Monsieur

Monsieur Georges Carenne
Bordeaux

Je vous serais très obligé de me donner par retour l'adresse à Paris de M. Vilette votre chancelier. J'ai été le voir et il n'a pas laissé son nouveau domicile au 116 rue de Moscou.

Veuillez agréer mes salutations distinguées.

Labouriau

7 mai 1887

Department of State.

Monrovia, January 24th 1885

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you inclosed, a copy of a Proclamation by His Excellency, President Johnson, declaring the South west side of the Mouth of the Cavally River, in the County of Maryland, to be a Port of Entry and Delivery for Foreign and Domestic Commerce &c &c.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

E. J. Barclay

Acting Secretary

Hon: Leopold Carrance

Liberian Chargé d'Affaires

& Consul General & & &

Paris

France.

Executive Department.

Executive Mansion,

Monrovia, Jan. 25, 1885,

Liberia, W.C.A.

Monsieur,

I owed you an apology for my long silence. When your last letter came, I was confined to bed from sickness. I have had a series of troubles. Besides the death of my wife was a great stroke to me — the greatest I have ever experienced. I am restored to health, but I feel still my bereavement.

I have to thank you, first of all, for the settlement of the affair with the Senegal and West African company concerning the lease of land. The result proves, not only your devotion to the interests of the Republic,

Monsieur Léopold Carnaux,
Consul-General & Chargé d'Affaires of Liberia,
Paris.

Republic, but also the friendliness of the French Government towards the Republic.

I have, again, to thank you, ~~for~~ and through you, to thank the various representatives of the Republic in France, for the sympathy shown to me, and the honors paid to the memory of my deceased consort. I shall always gratefully cherish the recollection of the same.

I have been authorized by the Legislature to visit Europe and America sometime the present year, to arrange, if possible, for the settlement of the English 7 per cent. Loan of 1871. Should I go abroad, I shall certainly come to Paris.

I trust this will find

You and yours in the enjoyment
of health and prosperity.

With sentiments of esteem,
I remain very sincerely yours,

J. G. Johnson.

Department of State.
Monrovia January 29th 1885.

No 2.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch dated 15th December 1884, and addressed to the late Secretary of State. Hon W M. Davis.

2. The appointment suggested therein has the consideration of the Government, but on account of a press of business, action on it is unavoidably delayed for the present.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

E. J Barclay.

Acting Secretary.

Hon: Leopold Carrance
Liberian Chargé d' Affaires
Paris
France

Department of State.

No. 4.

Monrovia. August 17th. 1885.

Sir,

I had the honor to address you my No 3. on the 26th May 1885. forwarding the Commission of Mr Albert Tauton as our Vice Consul at Bordeaux and have now to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 28th June 1885, relative to the proposed visit of the President to Europe.

In reply thereto I am to say that should His Excellency, President Johnson decide to go to Europe and pay a visit to Paris among other places, a Despatch will be duly forwarded you in advance, in accordance with the request expressed in the 6th Paragraph of your above cited Despatch.

In this connection, allow me on behalf of His Excellency The President to Extend to you my gratitude for the honors you propose to show to him (The President) on his arrival in Paris.

I have the honor, to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

E. J. Barclay

Acting Secretary.

Mon: Leopold Carrance.

Liberian Chargé d'Affaires

&c &c &c

Paris

N° 5

Departement d'Etat
Monrovia 1er 8bre 85

Monsieur

1° En vous confirmant ma dépêche N° 4 du 17 Aout 1885. J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de la votre du 25 Aout 1885 dans laquelle vous me dites avoir reçu ma lettre du 26 Mai accompagnée de la Commission de Mr. A. Touton, notre Vice Consul à Bordeaux.

2° C'est avec plaisir que j'apprends que Mr. Touton commencera a exercer ses fonctions dans quelques jours et qu'on peut s'attendre a le voir les remplir avec plein dévouement à Libéria.

3° J'ai dûment reçu le chèque de £ 4. que vous avez bien voulu m'envoyer pour les hopitaux et les écoles; j'en ai attribué le montant a ces derniers; je vous en remercie aussi bien en mon nom particulier et vous prie de croire que cette offrande, quoique d'une somme de minime importance a été aussi hautement appréciée que si elle avait été plus forte, car elle prouve assez votre dévouement continuel aux intérêts et au bien être de Libéria.

4. C'est avec plaisir que j'ai transmis à Son Excellence le Président, vos félicitations à propos de sa réélection au poste de premier Magistrat de la République il m'en a exprimé sa reconnaissance.

5. Je vous remercie des renseignements que vous me donnez sur les travaux pour l'Exposition de Paris de 1889 et j'espère que la nation Française y obtiendra un très grand succès.

Vous témoignant toute ma reconnaissance pour vos efforts suivis et constants dans votre dévouement aux intérêts de notre République

J'ai l'honneur d'être

Monsieur

Votre obéissant serviteur

Signé E. J. Barclay

Secrétaire par intérim

Honorable Léopold Carrasco

Chargé d'affaire de Libéria

à Paris

Departement d'Etat

Monrovia, 17 Aout 1885

Monsieur

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre dépêche du 28 juin 1885 me demandant de vous donner les noms des principaux négociants à Libéria.

En réponse, je vous remets la liste détaillée relative aux renseignements que vous me demandez.

Il y a:

Une maison allemande, A. Woermann, de Hambourg établie à Monrovia et ayant des succursales à Grand Bassa, River Sess, Sinoe, Cape Palmas, Marshall et Cape Mount.

Une maison Hollandaise, Hendrik Muller, de Rotterdam établie dans les mêmes ports, et également, à Mannah, River Sess et Niffou et ayant l'intention d'ouvrir un comptoir à Cavalla.

Une maison Belge, "Société Belge & Libérienne" établie à Monrovia, Cape Mount, River Cess. L'agent en est E. Mannheimer.

Les négociants Libériens sont:

à Monrovia

× R. A. Sherman × G. Moore & Son.

× H. Cooper & Son. × J. C. Dickinson

à Grand Bassa

Simon Attia
H. Wille

× J. L. Consoe & Bro.
H. A. Williams.

à Sinoë

J. J. Ross.

W. R. Harris.

Les maisons marquées × sont celles que je connais particulièrement et qui sont de premier crédit. Je ne connais pas bien les autres

Espérant que ces renseignements pourront vous être utiles.

J'ai bien l'honneur d'être
Monsieur
Votre obéissant Serviteur,
Sign: E. J. Barclay
Secrétaire par intérim

Honorable Capola Carrasco
Chargé d'affaires de Liberia

Paris

Paris 25 Septembre 1857

Messieurs G. Moore & Sons

négociants Monrovia

Messieurs

J'ai le plaisir de vous informer que mon
Consul de Libéria à Paris, Monsieur Jules Chared, Commissionnaire
en marchandises, ayant avec nation à Rouen et au Havre
a depuis longtemps des relations suivies avec les pays d'outre-mer.
Convaincu de son désir d'être utile à notre commerce,
j'ai engagé Monsieur Chared à se mettre en rapport
avec une bonne maison indigène de notre pays.
Votre honorable maison que je connaissais déjà, m'a
été désignée par l'honorable Secrétaire d'Etat, J. J. Barclay
et c'est pourquoi j'ai le plaisir de vous écrire aujourd'hui.
La France est un pays de grande consommation
et vous pourrez certainement y trouver de grands avantages
commerciaux.
Monsieur Chared accepterait d'être le consignataire
de vos produits et se chargerait d'opérer des ventes rapides
et suivies pour votre compte. Il vous couvrirait
du montant de ces ventes, soit en traites à vue
sur l'Europe ou l'Amérique, soit en marchandises
de toutes sortes à votre choix.
Il va sans dire que M. Chared demeure responsable
de ses opérations dont, au besoin je me porterai garant,
car je tiens beaucoup à faire développer en France le
commerce de Libéria et j'en saisis avec empressement l'occasion.
Veuillez me dire en réponse quelles sont vos
intentions à cet égard, et me désigner les articles de
consommation dont vous pourriez disposer pour les

envoyer en consignation.

C'est une affaire nationale et sérieuse que je vous propose pour le plus grand bien du pays.

Avec l'espoir que vous pourrez arriver à une entente avec Mr Chavis.

Je vous prie de toujours croire à mes sentiments les plus distingués.

Agréez

Consul General a charge d'affaire de Liberia à Paris.

P.S. Dans le cas où vous ne feriez pas d'affaire de ce genre, je vous serai reconnaissant de recommander cette affaire aux principaux négociants des provinces de Liberia et de faire de même si vous ne pouviez pas envoyer tous les genres de production de Liberia

Department of State.

No. 5.

Monrovia. October 1st. 1885.

Sir,

Confirming my No. 4, dated August 17th 1885, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch dated Paris 25th August 1885, in which you are pleased to inform me of your reception of my letter of May 26th last, accompanying the Commission of Mr Albert Touton our Vice Consul in Bordeaux.

2. It affords me great pleasure to learn that Mr Touton will begin to fulfil his functions within a few days, and that he may be expected to discharge those duties in the most devoted manner to the interests of Liberia.

3. I have duly received the Cheque for £4.0.0. which you were kindly pleased to forward for the use of the hospital and Schools. It has been divided among the latter, and in conveying my thanks to the generous donor I pray you to advise him that his gift tho' small, is as highly appreciated, as a donation of a much larger sum would be; evincing as it does his continued devotion to the interests and welfare of Liberia

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Hon: Leopold Carrance
Liberian Charge d' Affaire
Paris
France.

4. I have taken pleasure in conveying to His Excellency The President your congratulations on his re-election to the Chief Magistracy of the Republic, and he expressed much satisfaction at the reception of the same.

5. I thank you for the information conveyed in yours respecting the works for the Paris Exhibition of 1889. in the prosecution of which I trust that the French nation will have every success.

Appreciating your steady Efforts and constant devotion to the interests of our Republic,

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

E. J. Barclay

Acting Secretary.