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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

ADDRESSED

*To the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, transmitting correspondence with the Brazilian Minister relative to the expression of sympathy and condolence on the occasion of the assassination of President Lincoln.*

FEBRUARY 5, 1867.—Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Washington, February 1, 1867.

SIR: I transmit to you herewith a copy of a correspondence which has taken place between this department and the Brazilian minister to this country, relative to the resolution passed by the Parliament of Brazil expressive of sympathy and condolence on the occasion of the assassination of President Lincoln. That resolution is to be found among the other similar memorials received at this department, all of which were sent in to Congress some time ago. No appropriate action having as yet been taken with regard to it, permit me to suggest that a resolution be moved thanking the Parliament of Brazil for the sympathy which prompted their proceedings.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Hon. N. P. BANKS,

*Chairman of House Committee on Foreign Relations.*

NEW YORK, June 14, 1866.

MY DEAR SIR: I am to call your particular attention upon the contents of your note of 21st July of last year, by which this legation has been apprised that the entire correspondence of Mr. Barboza relative to and connected with the sentiments of condolence he expressed in his note of the 19th of the same month on the part of the Brazilian Parliament, and by instruction of the imperial government would be communicated to the two houses of the Congress of the United States.

The present session of Congress will be soon adjourned, and it will be agree-

able to my government and to the two branches of the legislative power of Brazil to be acquainted of the course adopted since by the Department of State, and of the acknowledgment by both houses of the correspondence referred to.

In the message and in the proceedings of the Congress I could not find any allusion to it; and as the senators and deputies in Brazil are now convened in session, and they will expect, no doubt, the answer to their manifestation, I believed it should be convenient to send, as early as possible, this deference on the part of the United States.

I am sure that my suggestion will be agreed by you; and, with this hope, I remain, sir, with the expression of my highest consideration,

Your respectfully obedient servant,

THE COUNSELLOR DE AZAMBUJA.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, &c., &c., &c.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Washington, June 16, 1866.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 14th instant, calling my attention to the communication of Mr. Barboza of the 19th of July last, expressive of the sympathy and condolence of Brazil on the occasion of the assassination of President Lincoln.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that the papers on this subject were communicated to Congress at the commencement of this session, but as they were included with other voluminous documents connected with the foreign relations of the United States, some time may yet elapse before they will be printed.

I avail myself of this occasion to offer to you a renewed assurance of my high consideration.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Counsellor JOAQUIN MARIA NASCENTES DE AZAMBUJA, &c., &c.,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Washington, July 21, 1865.*

SIR: I have had the honor to receive your note of the 19th instant, in which, in obedience to the instructions received by you from the imperial government of Brazil, you communicate to me that the chambers of senators and deputies of Brazil, uniting in the manifestation of sympathy which has been caused in that empire by the loss which the American Union has sustained in the person of the illustrious President Abraham Lincoln—above all, at the atrocious manner in which his existence was terminated—have resolved to cause the unanimous expression of their sorrow to be presented to the Congress of the United States.

In reply, I have the honor to inform you that your communication has been submitted to the President of the United States, by whom I am instructed to say to you that he has been deeply impressed by this grateful manifestation on the part of the two branches of the legislative power of Brazil; that he likewise sincerely appreciates the course adopted by the imperial government, and in a special manner the sentiments expressed by his Majesty the Emperor in the same connexion; and that he will direct the entire correspondence relative thereto to be communicated to the two houses of Congress of the United States, at their session to be convened on the first Monday of December next.

I avail myself of this opportunity to offer to you, sir, renewed assurance of my very distinguished consideration.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Señor IGNACIO DE AVELLAR BARBOZA DA SILVA, &c., &c.,  
*Washington, D. C.*

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BRAZILIAN LEGATION,  
*New York, January 9, 1867.*

SIR: I have not yet received the diplomatic correspondence ordered to be addressed to Congress at the commencement of the last session, in regard to the interesting international intercourse between the United States, Brazil, and several other American powers.

As I am going to my country on leave, it should please me very much to get, as soon as possible, that correspondence, in order that I may present it to my government, at my arrival in Rio de Janeiro, together with the three first volumes handed to me recently in Washington.

I expect, in consequence of my note of 14th June last, and according to the assurances given in the reply of the State Department of the 16th of the same month, that there will be included, besides some other important documents, the papers relative to and connected with the sentiments of sympathy and condolence expressed by the Brazilian Parliament and government on the occasion of the assassination of President Lincoln.

It was understood that until those sentiments should be made known to Congress by the printed documents, they could not act upon the matter.

The time has arrived now for this action, and I think there will be no inconvenience in assuring to the imperial government that it shall be able to express to the Brazilian Parliament, in its next session, the sentiments with which has been received its deference for the United States in so momentous an event as that of 14th April, 1865.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, your excellency's most obedient and humble servant.

JOAQUIN MARIA NASCENTES DE AZAMBUJA.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD,  
*Secretary of State of the United States.*

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