## MESSAGE

FROM THE

# PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

Correspondence between Mr. Adams, minister at London, and the principal librarian of the British museum, relative to publications presented to the library of Congress.

DECEMBER 19, 1862.—Referred to the Joint Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit a copy of a despatch to the Secretary of State from Mr. Adams, United States minister at London, and of the correspondence to which it refers between that gentleman and Mr. Panizzi, the principal librarian of the British museum, relative to certain valuable publications presented to the library of Congress.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Washington, December 18, 1862.

Mr. Adams to Mr. Seward.

No. 263.]

Legation of the United States, London, November 21, 1862.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit copies of a correspondence with Mr. Panizzi, the principal librarian of the British museum, which will, in a great degree, explain itself. I have received the volumes, of which a list is among the papers, and have directed the despatch agent to see that they are carefully forwarded to you for the library of Congress. The liberality of the trustees of the museum in offering to make up our losses seems to be deserving of a special notice.

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

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State, Washington.

#### [Enclosures.]

- 1. Mr. Panizzi to Mr. Adams, November 15, 1862.
- 2. Mr. Adams to Mr. Panizzi, November 17, 1862.
- 3. List of books.

#### Mr. Panizzi to Mr. Adams.

British Museum, November 15, 1862.

SIR: I submitted to the trustees of the British museum, at their last meeting, the letter which you addressed to me on the 18th ultimo, with reference to the postscript in the communication of the 31st July last from the librarian of Congress.

The trustees have much pleasure in presenting, through you to the library of Congress, the early volumes of the Description of Ancient Marbles and of the Select Papyri, which are stated to be wanting, to replace those destroyed by the

fire at Washington in 1852.

I beg at the same time to transmit to you, for the library of Congress, the entire series of the Zoological Catalogues published by orders of the trustees; and I have to request that you will be so good as to inform the librarian that, upon the trustees receiving a list of any museum publications which may still be found wanting in the Congressional library, they will cause the deficiencies to be supplied as far as possible.

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

A. PANIZZI, Principal Librarian.

The American MINISTER, &c., &c.

### Mr. Adams to Mr. Panizzi.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, London, November 17, 1862.

Sir: I have to acknowledge the reception of your note of the 15th instant, informing me of the very liberal action of the trustees of the British museum in replacing the volumes already presented to the library of Congress, and unfortunately destroyed in the conflagration of 1852, which consumed the most valuable part of its treasures; likewise of the further present of the entire series of the Zoological Catalogues published by their order; and, lastly, of their offer to supply, so far as possible, any other of the museum publications which may be found to be wanting.

I shall take the greatest pleasure in transmitting a copy of your note to the government of the United States, together with the collection of works which you have forwarded to my care; and I doubt not I shall, in due course, be enabled to return to you an expression of the high sense entertained of the

liberality of the trustees.

In the meantime I have the honor to return the receipt, and to remain your obedient servant,

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

A. Panizzi, Esq.,

Principal Librarian of the British Museum.

List of publications presented to the Congressional Library, United States, November 15, 1862, by the trustees of the British Museum.

Description of Ancient Marbles, I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X. Select Papyri in the Hieratic Character 1, Plate 1, XXXIV, XXXV, XCVII, XCIX, CLXVII.

Catalogue of Mammalia, part III.

List of Mammalia, 1843.

Catalogue of Mammalia and Birds of New Guinea.

Birds of the Tropical Islands of the Pacific.

List of Birds, part III, secs. I, II, IV.

Catalogue of Shield Reptiles, I, 4 plates: Reptiles—I, Tortoises. II, Lizards. Colatrine Snakes. Batrachia Salienta.

List of Fish: I, Clondropeiger.

Catalogue of Fish, by L. T. Gronow: Lophobranchich Fish. Apodal Fish. Acanthopterygiden Fishes, Vols. 1, 2, 3.

Bones of the Mammalia.

List of Lepridopletons Insects, part I.

Papihlionida, 12mo.

Catalogue of Lepridoplerous Insects, part I, 4 colored plates, Papihliondre.

List of Lepridoplerous Insects, part I.

Lepridoptera Hetercera, 12mo., parts II, III, IV, V, VI, VII; Splingide, VIII; Nochnide, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII. XIV, XV; Delbrides, XVI; Pyralides, XVII, XVII, XIX; Geometru, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV.

List of Lepodopterous Insects, XXX, Geometrites, containing specimen of a

catalogue of Lycenda, 4 colored plates.

Catalogue of Hymenopterous Insects, parts I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII.

List of Dipterous Insects. parts V, VI, VII.

List of Hemopeterous Insects, parts II, III, IV; supplement.

Hemipletrous Insects, part II.

Catalogue of Orthopterous Insects, part I, Phasmida.

Nomenclature of Coleopterous Insects, part VI.

Catalogue of Coleopterous Insects, parts VII, VIII, IX, of Madeira.

List of Coleopterous Insects, part I, Cucyida.

Catalogue of Hallecidæ, part I.

Catalogue of Hisfudæ.

Catalogue of Crustacea, part I. Catalogue of Myriapoda, part I.

Catalogue of Neuropterous Insects, part I; Phygaroides, II, III, IV.

Catalogue of Neuropterous Insects, part I, Termetina. Guide to the systematic distribution of the Mollusca, I.

Catalogue of Mayatlan Shells.
Catalogue of Mollusca, part IV.
List of Mollusca, part I, Volutidæ.
Catalogue of Conchifera, parts I, II.

List of Mollusca shells collected by MM. Eydoux and Souleyet.

List of Shells of the Canaries.

List of Shells of Cuba.

List of Shells of South America.

Catalogue of Phaneropneumond. Catalogue of Pulmonta, I.

Catalogue of Auriculedæ Proserpinidæ, &c.

Catalogue of Eutozee.

List of British Animals, parts V, VII, VII, (Fish,) IX, XI, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII.

Catalogue of British Hymaopteras, I Apidæ. Catalogue of British Fossorial Hymenoptera, &c. Catalogue of British Ichneumonidæ. Catalogue of Recent Echinida, I. List of British Diatomaceæ.