

1902.

AGREEMENT BY INTERCHANGE OF NOTES WITH SPAIN AS TO RESTORATION OF INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT AGREEMENT.

*Concluded November 26, 1902.*

MADRID, *January 29, 1902.*

EXCELLENCY:—I have the honor to lay before you fully, the views of my Government regarding what it deems advisable and necessary in restoring to effect and operation the Arrangement for Reciprocal Privileges of Copyright between the United States and the Spanish

Dominions, which led to the Proclamation on this subject of the President of the United States, of July 10, 1895.

I am instructed to bring before Your Excellency and the Government of His Majesty, which you so worthily represent, the information that although for a period of time prior to the Treaty of Paris, reciprocal registration of Copyrights between the two countries was suspended, yet the Proclamation of the President has not been revoked or modified in any particular.

I am further instructed to lay before your attention the fact that, under the authority and with the advice and consent of the Attorney General of the United States, registration of titles of works of citizens of Spain has been resumed at Washington since April 11, 1899, before the competent authority to that end, namely, the Librarian of Congress.

From this view, it follows that, in the opinion of my Government, nothing is needed to restore fully and completely the effect, and again reciprocally to put into operation the Arrangement regarding Reciprocal Copyright Registration as it existed from July 10, 1895, down to April 21, 1898, between the two countries, other than an exchange of notes, and a Declaration on the part of His Majesty's Government, similar to that of July 6, 1895.

If this view is in accord with that of your Excellency, I shall be authorized on the part of my Government to carry the same into effect, in the manner above indicated.

I take this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

BELLAMY STORER.

His Excellency, The MINISTER OF STATE

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[Translation.]

MADRID, *November 18, 1902.*

EXCELLENCY.

MY DEAR SIR:—I received in due course Your Excellency's courteous Note of the 29th. January last, in which you express to me the desire to your Government to re-establish the Agreement between Spain and the United States, signed at Washington the 6th. and 15th. of July 1895, which granted reciprocal privileges of Copyright, and which led to the Proclamation of the President of the said Republic of the 10th. of the same month and year, extending to Spain the dispositions of Section XIII of the Act of Congress of the 3rd. March 1891, relating to this subject.

I have noted at the same time, from the contents of the said Note, that although for a period of time prior to the Treaty of Paris, reciprocal registration of Copyrights between the two countries was suspended, the said Proclamation of the President of the Republic has not been revoked or modified; and furthermore, with the consent of the Attorney General, registration before the competent authority at Washington has been resumed since the 11th. April 1899.

In view of these statements, I have the honor to bring to the knowledge of Your Excellency that His Majesty the King, my August Sovereign, has graciously decreed that the said Agreement between Spain and the United States, signed at Washington the 6th. and 15th. of July 1895, granting reciprocal privileges of Copyright, be re-estab-

lished and put into renewed operation, so soon as Your Excellency, in acknowledging receipt of the present Note, declares in the name of your Government, that your Government is reciprocally in agreement with its contents.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

THE DUKE OF ALMODÓVAR DEL RIO.

His Excellency, BELLAMY STORER,

*Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of North America.*

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MADRID, *November 26, 1902.*

EXCELLENCY:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's esteemed Note of the 18th. November 1902, by which I am informed that His Majesty the King has ordered that the Agreement between Spain and the United States, signed at Washington the 6th. and 15th. of July 1895, granting reciprocal privileges of Copyright, be re-established and put into renewed operation, so soon as I am authorized to declare that the Government of the United States is in accord with this intention.

It is my profound pleasure, in the name of the Government of the United States, to assure Your Excellency that the contents of Your Excellency's Note above referred to, taken in connection with and referring to as it does to my previous Note of the 29th. January 1902, on this subject, in the view of the Government of the United States, restores completely and puts again into full reciprocal force the Agreement of Washington hereinbefore described.

I take this occasion to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

BELLAMY STORER.

His Excellency, The MINISTER OF STATE.

NOTE: The Proclamation, in reference to copyrights, referred to in the foregoing correspondence, is dated July 10, 1895. (See page 1687.)