

DISASTERS IN CALABRIA AND SICILY.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE INCLOSING COPY OF A DISPATCH FROM THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT ROME TRANSMITTING NOTE FROM ITALIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSING GRATITUDE OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY PASSED BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 11, 1909.—Message and accompanying papers ordered printed and referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs.

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit a report from the Secretary of State in which he incloses a copy of a dispatch from the American ambassador at Rome transmitting a copy of a note from the Italian minister of foreign affairs, expressing the gratitude of His Majesty's Government for the resolutions of sympathy passed by the House of Representatives in view of the disasters in Calabria and Sicily.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 11, 1909.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 10, 1909.

THE PRESIDENT:

The undersigned, the Secretary of State, has the honor to submit a copy of a dispatch from the ambassador of the United States at Rome, with which he transmits a copy of a note from the Italian minister of foreign affairs expressing the gratitude of His Majesty's Government for the resolutions of sympathy passed by the House of Representatives in view of the disasters in Calabria and Sicily.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT BACON.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

No. 509.]

AMERICAN EMBASSY,
Rome, January 16, 1909.

SIR: With reference to the department's telegrams received on the 6th instant, instructing me at the direction of the President to convey to the Italian Government the resolution of the House of Representatives on the occasion of the recent terrible earthquake in Calabria and Sicily, I have the honor to inform you that I am in receipt of a note from the royal ministry of foreign affairs, a copy of which, together with a translation thereof, is inclosed herewith, requesting me to beg the President to convey to the House of Representatives the grateful thanks of His Majesty's Government for the generous sympathy extended by that body on the occasion of the terrible disaster which has overtaken Italy.

I have the honor to be, sir,
 Your obedient servant,]

LLOYD GRISCOM.

Hon. ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

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 [Translation.]

Mr. AMBASSADOR: In reply to your note No. 344, addressed to me by your excellency on the 6th instant, I hasten to inform you that His Majesty's Government has deeply appreciated the proof of generous sympathy which, on the occasion of the terrible disaster in Calabria and Sicily, the American House of Representatives has manifested toward the Italian Government and people.

I will be grateful to your excellency, if you will kindly request the President of the United States to express to the aforementioned House of Representatives the gratitude of His Majesty's Government.

While informing your excellency that I undertook to communicate the high-minded resolution to the Italian Parliament, I renew to you, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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His Excellency LLOYD C. GRISCOM,
American Ambassador Rome.

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