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Viva la Confederación Argentina!

To H. E. the Governor of the Province of Entre Ríos, General-in-Chief of the Allied Liberating Army, Brigadier General Don Justo José de Urquiza—

Montevideo, March 23, 1852.

My Esteemed General and Compañero!—The magnanimous and patriotic resolution of Y. E., to liberate the Confederation from the yoke of the Dictator, animated the Communications from the first to second year of the noblest disposition of the yokes that bore so closely upon liberty; but the time being so near the present, I have endeavored to prevent them from obtaining new rigidity, they found great difficulty, even in giving extension to a branch of Liberty, and in the rights.

The same as I have seen in my Country. I fancy it must have happened in the other Provinces; but so just a cause, so much suffering and privation, were destined to work their effect. The Province of Mendoza, which was not being certain of the combat in which the tyrannical power disappeared, began to manifest that it was about to snap the chains, and the Citizens appeared, in discharge of their duty, despite the resistance and the difficulties previously conferred, were concentrated in the Legislative Power, and the

in the same way, they arrived from the Capital, and the

Citizen Mallea had previously given in his resignation, which the Provincial Representatives, at the same time, were not to be overthrown by the military means of 1851 should be reinstated.

In consequence of these events, I occupy for a second time the Chair of Government; and it would have been content in my retirement, at seeing the Confederation at last free from the cruel and interminable tyranny. I am more so, since I have succeeded in consolidating the immortal work of Y. E., in the part that may correspond to me.

Your obedient servant,
PEDRO P. SEGUURA.

Viva la Confederación Argentina!

The President of the Hon. Chamber of Representatives.

Montevideo, March 10th, 1852.

The Hon. Chamber of Representatives, in exercise of the Sovereignty with which it is invested, and in recognition of the position of this date, has sanctioned the following—

Art. 1st.—The Province of Mendoza recognizes H. E. the Governor of Entre Ríos, General-in-Chief of the Allied Army, Brigadier General Don Justo José de Urquiza, as the Chief of the Republic, and presents to him with a tribute of gratitude.

Executive Power, in the glorious action of Monte Caseros, expressing to him the gratitude that animates the whole Province.

3d.—The policy of the Government of Mendoza will be harmonized with that of the Most Excellent Government of the Province of Entre Ríos, the patriotic views of the honorable Brigadier General Don Justo José de Urquiza, which are Liberty, Fraternity, and National Organization, under the present system, serve to the effect.

4th.—Let it be communicated to the Executive Power.

JOSE MARIA DE RIVERA,
IOAQUIN GARCIA—Secretary.

Viva la Confederación Argentina!

Mendoza, March 11th, 1852.

Let the present Honorable resolution be executed, to the effect of the present in public places, circulated, communicated, and given to the Register.

SEGUURA,
VICENTE JG.

Viva la Confederación Argentina!

The Governor

of Mendoza.

Montevideo, March 11th, 1852.

To H. E. the Governor of the Province of Entre Ríos, General-in-Chief of the Allied Liberating Army, Brigadier General Don Justo José de Urquiza—

The undersigned feels profound satisfaction in addressing to Y. E. in the name of the Province of Mendoza, its most cordial and affectionate regards, and at the same time presenting you the tribute of its deep-felt gratitude, for the immense and renewed service which you have rendered to the Argentine Confederation, by the splendid triumph obtained on the 31st Feb., by the arms of the Allied Army, under the orders of Y. E., against the partisans of the tyranny.

It appears that providence had destined the powerful arm of Y. E., to break the legitimate yoke, that had weighed for so many years upon the unfortunate sons of the Republics of the Plate; but fortunately they now arise, and also themselves to the world, proclaiming and organizing the principles of Liberty, Fraternity and Constitution, which are the political creed of Y. E., the same as of the noblest lovers of the rights of mankind; they can now exhibit without shame the fascinating and sacred standard, which the Confederate Communities aspire to follow, after so many calamities, struggling against the torrent of corruption that overwhelmed them, from the palace of the tyrant.

The Province and Authorities of Mendoza, persuaded that the best homage that can be rendered to the Argentine Confederation, is to contribute to the realization of your noble and laudable projects, and that the Nation consider as an indispensable obligation, the necessity of harmonizing their policy with that of the illustrious liberator, the Province and Authorities of Mendoza are therefore despatching, to your Excellency, as may be necessary, without omitting anything, so as to leave placed the constitutional charter, which is founded on the approval of the Confederate Communities, and freely dictated by them, will be an imperishable monument, the best and most worthy memorial to the memory of the conqueror of Monte Caseros.

With the laws, a certified copy of which the undersigned has the honor of enclosing under the numbers 1 and 2, Y. E. will find the faithful expression of the sentiments of the people of Mendoza, manifested by their Government.

The undersigned, on fulfilling the well-known duty of the undersigned, and in your person the Allied Liberating Army, has the honor of saluting you with his most distinguished congratulations and respect.

PEDRO S. SEGUURA,
VICENTE JG.

Viva la Confederación Argentina!

The Governor and Captain General

of the Province of Entre Ríos, General-in-Chief

of the Allied Army.

Head Quarters, Palermo de San Benito,

March 30th, 1852.

To H. E. the Governor of the Province

of Mendoza, Don Pedro P. Segura—

The undersigned, in conformity with profound satisfaction, the respectable note of Y. E., of the 11th instant, and enclosed therein the request for the honorable sanctions of the illustrious Legislative Body of that meritorious Province. The undersigned, in conformity with the spirit predominant in the Republic, with the patriotic exigencies of the instant, and with circumstances of the greatest transcendence for the Argentine Provinces, is a glorious event, and of immense importance, and in the ulterior effects of the revolution of the Platá, conceived amidst a sanguinary tyranny, and by the organization of the whole of the land, destined to vindicate their great and well-merited reputation in the opinion of the world.

Y. E., in accepting the post in which your liberating and glorious service, you, who has assumed an unswerving duty, but worthy of your noble intentions in the public service. The undersigned, in the name of the People of Mendoza, an unequivocal testimony of their great esteem, and an efficacious guarantee of their affection, liberty, and respect in reckoning Y. E. in the number of the zealous co-operators to the glorious organization of the Argentine Confederation, under the Representative Federal system.

On retreating the sincere felicitations, which Y. E. addresses to him on this account,

the undersigned feels much complacency in offering you the assurances of his high esteem and distinguished consideration.

JUSTO DE URQUIZA.

PROTOCOL.

Of a conference held between His Excellency the Governor of Buenos Aires, General Don Manuel Leizaola, and the Plenipotentiary of the Province of Santa Fe, at Palermo de San Benito, in consideration of the situation of the Republic, and to apply in an official and unequivocal manner to the necessity of continuing the Foreign Relations of the Confederation, in view of the declarations of the Plenipotentiary that compose it, and that have been received up to this date.

The undersigned, Provisional Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires, Member of the Supreme Court of Justice, Doctor Don Vicente Lopez, Governor and Captain General of the Province of Entre Ríos, General-in-Chief of the Allied Liberating Army, Brigadier General Don Justo José de Urquiza, Governor and Captain General of the Province of Corrientes, Major General of said Army, General Don Benjamín Vilasoro and Doctor Don Manuel Leizaola, invested with full powers to represent H. E. the Governor and Captain General of the Province of Santa Fe, Citizen Don Domingo Correo, assembled in conference at Palermo de San Benito, actual residence of H. E. the Governor and Captain General of the Province of Entre Ríos, Brigadier Don Justo José de Urquiza, to consider the present situation of the Republic, after the fall of the Dictatorship, exercised by the Dictator Don Juan Manuel de Rosas, and to apply to the most urgent necessity of organizing the order which may present itself, in conformity with the fundamental compact and laws of the Confederation, in its foreign relations with other friendly States, with which it has to maintain and cultivate the bonds of friendship that unite it, and besides to promote other arrangements advantageous said relations, contracting useful conventions, they may consent them, and considering—

1st.—That the public Argentine law has been established according to different phases assumed by the Revolution of the Republic, from the installation of the General Congress in the Province of the January 1851, and the declaration there of the National Independence of every Foreign Power, till the elaboration of the present Constitution of the January 1851, respecting the point of the competent authority for the direction of these important matters;

2d.—That this part of the present constitutional Law of the Republic, appeared to assume a more definite character, since the General Constituent Congress promulgated the fundamental Law of the 23rd January 1852, by which it confided, provisionally and till the election of a National Executive Power, to the Government of Buenos Aires, among other faculties, that of discharging all that may concern foreign affairs, the nomination and receipt of Ministers, and the celebration of treaties, and the negotiation remaining subject to the authorization of the Congress;

3d.—That on dissolving the National Congress, and with it the Presidency of the Republic, substituting it by a Provisional authority, till the reorganization of the National Congress, the Law of the 7th July 1852, declared that the functions of this authority would be confined to the management of the present war, foreign relations, and national revenue, and other matters, by the Province of Buenos Aires, and that the Province of Buenos Aires, of the 27th August 1852, it was provided that, till the election of a National Executive Power, the Government of Buenos Aires remained charged with all that concerned national and Foreign Relations;

4th.—That even though, since that date to the 4th January 1851, the Confederate Provinces enjoyed different degrees of independence, the authority was not fixed in them in a uniform manner, that was to continue existing, and that the Province of Buenos Aires, in the name of the Republic with Foreign Powers, and which the aforesaid compact, generally styled the Fundamental Compact, which all the Provinces of the Republic admitted, conferred on the Commission assembled in Santa Fe, the 11th of January 1851, National Congress had at the time of its existence, detailing them in its 11th Article, and that said Congress, in the Government of Buenos Aires, the direction of those foreign affairs, and that the Republic, in its own approval, so long as it remained assembled;

5th.—That subsequently to its dissolution, and during the time of the 1st Administration

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tion of the Dictator Don Juan Manuel de Rosas, the Confederate Communities and Governments which have expressly accepted that Treaty, charged the Government of Buenos Aires anew with the direction of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic, as appears from the communications that exist in the archives of the Government of Buenos Aires, which they have had before them, with which authorization it has continued without interruption, till it was modified by those all the Confederate Governments, from which the concession was extorted that said high power should be confined to the person of the Dictator, and no longer to the Government of Buenos Aires, which had ceased to exist, and which was modified by those all upon all its laws, and usurped all the Public Powers, in which state he was surprised by the sudden victory of Monte Caseros, on the 31st of Feb. last.

6th.—That the disappearance from the political scene of Don Juan Manuel de Rosas, practically annulled that authorization, which his person had abrogated, and restored to the Communities their respective parts of the National Sovereignty, in virtue whereof they might designate it in the Government, which they thought proper, and that ought to be in the best position to represent and defend their rights.

7th.—That the exercise of this right was at once put in practice by the Governments of Entre Ríos and Corrientes, the latter in May 1851, and the former in June 1851, Governor and Captain General of the Province of Entre Ríos to represent in it all that might have relation to the political affairs of said Provinces and the Argentine Confederation, and the Government of Corrientes, in the Conventions celebrated in May and November of said year, between Brazil, the Argentine Republic, and the aforesaid Province.

8th.—That that of Santa Fe, in accordance with the terms of the Treaty, the 4th January 1851, the fundamental Compact of the Argentine Confederation, authorized the Provisional Government of Buenos Aires, to continue in the direction of those affairs, till a further resolution, in view of the respective declarations of the other Provinces, in consequence of the great event that took place by the victory of the Great Argentine Republic, which said Government has done up to the present, with the approval of all.

9th.—That till the Provinces having now been declared, adhering to the pacific and orderly policy, inaugurated by the Government of Buenos Aires, and as results from the notes of their respective Governments, and from the authorizations and resolutions received in consequence of the foreign affairs of the Republic, till the assembly of the National Constituent Congress to the person of H. E. General Don Justo José de Urquiza.

RESOLVE.

That, to leave this important National Power re-established, and to remove every mark of animosity, giving positive guarantees to Foreign Powers, that are or may be relations with the Republic, and that their correspondence may invest an obligatory character for the Confederate Government.

10th.—That the aforesaid Governor and Captain General of the Province of Entre Ríos, General-in-Chief of the Allied Liberating Army, Brigadier General Don Justo José de Urquiza, is authorized to direct the Foreign Relations of the Republic, till the National Congress be assembled, and the stipulations which the exercise of this charge may be long, may be definitely settled.

11th.—That it is accorded, that each of the parties to the Treaty of the 4th January 1851, should immediately proceed to the execution of the stipulations which it is to conform to form the Commission Representative of the Confederation, in order that, if it is necessary to modify the Treaty of Santa Fe, it may at once enter upon the exercise of the authority that corresponds to it, according to the stipulations of the Treaty.

And, finally, that the present resolution, signed by all the undersigned Governors and Capitanejos, and by the League of the Confederate Governments, for their knowledge and approval, and that till the latter has been assembled, the Government of Santa Fe, and the Governments of Salta and Corrientes, assume upon themselves, as they do, to execute the stipulations of the present coup-de-pose of this act, engaging, as they do, to engage, to cause to be fulfilled all the commitments assumed by the said Treaty with foreign Nations and Governments, to whose Agents, as also to all the Governments with which they are connected, may have re-

