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The Minister of War and Marine and General-in-Chief of the Army...

To H. E. the Governor and Captain General of the Province of Buenos Ayres...

When Y. E. was pleased to name me Minister and Secretary of State in the Department of War and Marine...

Since then, Y. E., aware of the accuracy of these remarks, has been pleased to continue discharging the functions of the Ministry of War...

I also submit to Y. E., that, on admitting the resignation which I present, and I remaining with the post of General-in-Chief...

God preserve Y. E. many years. PEDRO JOSÉ DIAZ.

Ministry of Go- Buenos Ayres, March 20th, 1853.

To the General-in-Chief of the Army of the Capital, Colonel Don Pedro José Díaz.

H. E. the Governor has given due consideration to said note of Your Honour, and has ordered the undersigned to reply to Your Honour in reply, as he has the honour of doing...

It also affords the undersigned pleasure to acquit Your Honour, that the Government has likewise decided to accede to the wishes of Your Honour, conferring on you the attributes of General-in-Chief of the Army in Campaign...

God preserve Y. H. many years. LORENZO TORRES.

Ministry of Go- Buenos Ayres, March 20th, 1853.

To Brigadier General Don José María Paz. The undersigned has the satisfaction of addressing Your Honour with respect to you for your information and its corresponding effects...

On electing Your Honour for so important a post, in the actual circumstances of the Government has had in view the worthy antecedents of Your Honour; your important services at all times in the different institutions of our Country; and the varied qualifications which Your Honour possesses for the discharge of the duties confided to your capacity.

The Government therefore, aware of the high civic virtues that so greatly adorn Your Honour, unhesitatingly says to you that you will resolve to accept the post to which you have been appointed, in order to lend to the Government and to our Country your resour-

lute cooperation in the glorious enterprise of saving the nation from the cause of slavery, and the order of the Province.

The undersigned, on his own part, takes pleasure in expressing to you, with sincere felicitations, for the merited confidence wherewith the Government has thought proper to invest you...

Ministry of Go- Buenos Ayres, 20th March, 1853. The Government having admitted the resignation, made by the General-in-Chief of the Army of the Capital, Colonel Don José Díaz, of the Office of Minister Secretary of War and Marine...

God preserve Y. E. many years. LORENZO TORRES.

Ministry of Go- Buenos Ayres, March 21st, 1853.

To the Minister, Government and Foreign Relations, Dr. Don Lorenzo Torres. The undersigned has received Your Honour's note of yesterday's date, in which you are pleased to enclose the decree of nomination for the Ministry of War and Marine...

In said note Your Honour makes use of words so extremely honourable to the undersigned, that it would be difficult for him to do justice to the terms of the same, and to express the feelings...

In this predicament he has no other alternative than to present to the Government his profound gratitude, and assure it that he will do every thing the most resolute will can suggest, to cooperate with the exalted views of the actual Administration, and to comply with the exigencies of the present situation.

God preserve Y. H. many years. JOSÉ MARIA PAZ.

The Executive Power. Buenos Ayres, March 14th, 1853.

To the Honourable Chamber of Representatives. The Government has the honor of acknowledging receipt of the note of Your Honourable Corporation of yesterday's date, in which you are pleased to transcribe to it the law sanctioned by the honourable Chamber...

God preserve Y. H. many years. MANUEL GUILLERMO PINTO. LORENZO TORRES. [Viva la Confederation Argentina!] Office of H. E. the Provisional Director of the Argentine Confederation, San Nicolas, March 19th, 1853.

To the Minister of Government of the Provisional Governor of Buenos Ayres. I have been honored by the receipt of the Protocol of the Treaty adjusted between the Commission...

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It is not difficult to arrive at a settlement at least of the internal differences of the Province of Buenos Ayres, which affords the opportunity the decision of the conditions on which the Province will concur in the formation of a new Confederation.

The only aspiration of H. E. is, that the most important Province of the Confederation may be tranquilly governed by its provincial institutions, and reach a situation of general peace...

H. E. deploras the Argentine blood that is being shed, the ruin and the demoralization that are being so rapidly spreading, and views to remove the obstacles to peace that may occur...

H. E. trusts that H. E. the Provisional Governor will maintain in the meantime the suspension of hostilities on the part of the City, and that on his own he will contribute to secure for the Province the peace of which it stands in so much need...

God preserve Y. E. many years. Angel Elias.

Ministry of Go- Buenos Ayres, March 23d, 1853.

To H. E. the Provisional Director of the Province assembled in Congress at Santa Fe, Brigadier Don Justo José Urquiza, General in Chief of the Great Army of the Province of Entre Rios.

I have submitted to the knowledge of H. E. the Provisional Governor of Buenos Ayres the note of date the 19th inst., that was addressed to me by order of Y. E., stating that Y. E. had not ratified the Treaty...

The Government of the Province, which, since the first days of the month of December last, has given its constant proofs of its anxious desire for peace, and of the sincere and positive interest that the Executive Power has in the formation of this Government which, in addition to these testimonies, has given another solemn and unequivocal one, adjusting with Your Honourable Corporation's Commissioners a Treaty, which settled the Provincial question...

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But if it is just that the law which they imposed upon themselves be respected by them, and that the Government, in respect of which Buenos Ayres has sanctioned for taking part in a Congress, not upon the basis of the consent of San Nicolas, but upon the basis of its own free will, be nullified by the Government of Buenos Ayres...

Buenos Ayres always rejected that compact of San Nicolas as a Law. And neither H. E. nor the Government of Buenos Ayres, as respects the Province, because they did Y. E. regard it, you would not feel the necessity of the consent of San Nicolas, but in the aftermaths determine, as mentioned in your note, the conditions on which it would take place...

With this conviction the Government entered into the adjustment of the Treaty of the 9th inst., and the Commissioners, men of circumstance and of high reputation, who were appointed, was bound to be satisfied...

The Government had little difficulty in this belief, because it was justified by official communications, and by the fact that the Commissioners made in the name of Y. E., and even by dispositions of Y. E., that, among other things, in the month of last year, when on regulating the National Commissioners, Y. E. dictated your dispositions...

Nevertheless, Y. E. wishes to leave the settlement of the Provincial question to the future occasion, founding upon the existence of said law, and manifesting a wish that a new Commission propose the means of arriving at the settlement of the Provincial question, stating your aspiration is to be that the Province should be ruled by the National Provincial institutions, and attain the situation of giving an example of moderation and temperance.

The Government, by whose order I have the honor of addressing Y. E., charges me to say to Y. E. that the Government has been arranged in a becoming and honorable manner with Y. E.'s Commissioners, because both said Y. E. and those of this Government, only consulted the same as Y. E. desires, that is, that the Province should be ruled by the National Provincial institutions, the Government on its part giving such proofs of moderation and temperance...

Were Y. E. cognizant of all the event since the 1st of December last, did you know the men at whose head you now wish to place yourself, were you aware of the atrocities they have committed in all our rural districts, embroiling cattle, and committing acts of violence, and that you are more than that of classifying as Ruthless bandits, men who are in property, to satisfy the wishes of the owners, which is being done, by slaughtering the active and peaceful citizens, and daily forwarding to all points of the coast thousands of hides—were Y. E. aware of the fact that the Government of Buenos Ayres has been arranged in moderation, according an absolute oblivion, and leaving those who were in their possession of the Province with their incomes and so-called wealth, the Government doubts that Y. E. is doing full justice to the wishes of the Commissioners, to the sentiments...

God preserve Y. H. many years. LORENZO TORRES.



