

United States Consulate,

Buenos Ayres, June 8. 1865.

My dear Sir:

Allow me the pleasure
of Congratulating you on your
accession to the United States
Legation in Paris. Sorry, very sorry,
to lose you from the brotherhood
of Consuls; but glad, very glad,
to hear of your promotion.

Judging from all the accounts
that I have seen, you have,
as Consul, given entire satisfaction.
As Minister, you will, I doubt not,
fulfill all the expectations of
your best friends.

And what a gay time you

must have (if not too pressingly occupied with the business of our Government) in the gayest Capital of the world; and, in this respect, how great the difference between your situation and mine!

You are surrounded by all the splendid and pleasing arrangements and appliances of the most advanced civilization; while I am here in a semi-barbarous land, confined to the monotonous labor of verifying invoices of wool, hides and tallow; and compelled, meanwhile, to surmount the familiarity with the monstrous incident of never-ending civil wars.

A terrible war has recently broken out on the upper banks of the River Plate, between the Argentine Republic, in alliance

with Uruguay and Brazil, on the one hand, and Paraguay, on the other. There can scarcely be a doubt, but that this triple alliance against Paraguay, will ultimately result in her complete overthrow. Gen. Mitre, the present President of this republic, will, it is said, take the field next week, as Commander in chief of the allied forces.

On the 31st of December last, I conditionally resigned my office at this post; but, according to the latest advice which I have received from Washington, no one has yet been appointed to succeed me.

It has been frequently rumored in this city, within the last two or three years, that the Emperor of the French had determined to recognize the Jeff. D. Confederacy; but I trust that there was no good ground for

Such assertions; and it would
seem now that we have no
cause whatever for apprehensions
upon that score.

With great respect,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours, very truly,

W. R. Helpez.

Hon. John Bigelow.

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Paris.