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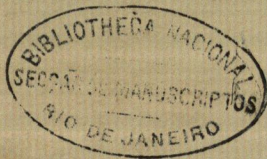
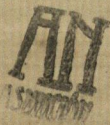
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to His Hon



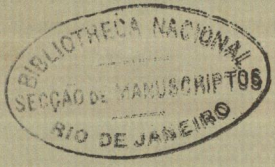
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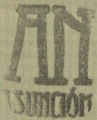
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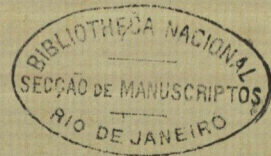
Sir,



From the correspondence which Your Honor was so kind as to send me on the 6<sup>th</sup> by the hand of Mr. Gaspar Lopez I learn that the U.S. Steamer "Wasp," W. A. Kirkland Commander, was on the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo lying off Curupaite and would remain there awaiting my orders; that the Steamer was in readiness to receive me with my family and private effects and convey me to Buenos Aires. I have not, however, received any instructions from my government to leave this Legation, though I have had the permission to do so ever since October last. But I am not disposed to leave.

Paraguay in the present crisis of its affairs,  
at least till a successor shall come to  
take my place. I think it my duty, how-  
ever, under the circumstances, to avail  
myself of the presence of the "Wasp" to en-  
deavor to send my family below. But not  
knowing what arrangements it may be  
necessary to make to do this and being  
desirous of conferring with His Excellency  
Marshal Lopez in order that I may  
more fully advise my government of the  
situation of affairs, I would if agreeable  
to His Ex. be pleased to proceed to his  
head-quarters where such dispositions as  
would be most convenient might readily  
be made. But should the exigencies of the  
war render it inconvenient that I should  
thus visit His Ex. I beg of Your Honor  
to advise me as soon as circumstances

will permit of the means by which my family may be transferred from the Paraguayan lines aboard of the "Wasp" with least trouble to the Paraguayan Government and with least danger and exposure.



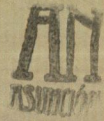
Whether it shall be more convenient that I should advise Commander Kirkland to come higher up the river with the "Wasp", or whether it may be possible to make the transfer with the Steamer lying where she now is are questions that I am not competent, on my present knowledge, to decide. I leave them therefore to the solution of His Ex. Marshal Lopez, President of the Republic and, to whom, with my highest regards, I beg you to convey the contents of this note.

I avail myself of the occasion to



tender assurances of distinguished con-  
sideration.

Charles A. Washburn







negocios, si fuese del agrado de S. E. seré complacido  
de trasladarme a su cuartel general donde facilmente  
prontamente podrian adoptarse todas las disposi-  
ciones que fuesen mas convenientes. Pero si las  
exigencias de la guerra hicieren inconveniente que  
yo vaya a visitar asi a S. E., suplico a V. S. que  
me avise, tan pronto como las circunstan-  
cias lo permitan, de la manera en que mi fami-  
lia deba trasladarse de las lineas paraguayas a  
bordos del "Wasp" con la mas minima molestia al  
Gobierno, y el menor peligro y riesgo.

Si será mas conveniente que yo avise al Co-  
mandante Kirkland de subir mas el rio con el  
"Wasp," o si será posible hacer el trasbordo en el  
lugar donde el vapor está ahora anclado, son cues-  
tiones que con mis conocimientos actuales no  
soy competente a decidir. Dejo, pues, a la solu-  
cion de S. E. el Mariscal Lopez, Presidente de la  
Republica, a quien con mi lealtad quiero  
elevar con mi mas alto respeto, el contenido  
de esta nota.

Aprovecho esta ocasion a ofrecer segurida-  
des de distinguida consideracion.

Firmado Charles St. Washburn.