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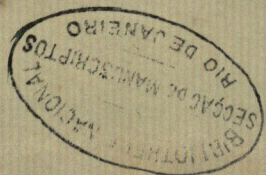
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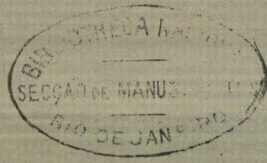
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Asuncion November 12th 1864.

His Excellency,

Hon. Jose Rojas,

Minister for Foreign Affairs.



Sir,

The Hon. William H. Seward, Secretary of State for the United States in a dispatch to me dated August 26th acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the note which you did me the honor to address to me on the 17th of the same month in which you advised me of the intention of the Paraguayan Government to comply with the request of the Oriental Minister, Señor Sagastume, and offer the friendly mediation of Paraguay between his Government and Brazil.

Of the events that had taken



place in the Oriental Republic previous
to that date Mr Seward remarks that they
furnish grounds for apprehension that
its powerful neighbors had the design of
destroying its nationality, but he expressed
the hope that the mediation of Paraguay
would be successful in averting a war
between that country and Brazil.

A war of this kind in which not
only the material interests but the very
existence of a hitherto thriving Republic
would be at stake would be greatly
deplorable by the Government of the Uni-
ted States, and I am instructed by
Mr Seward to say that any friendly
offices that I can render in seconding
the efforts of the President of Paraguay
in promoting so desirable a result as
the peaceful arrangement of the dif-

difficulties existing between those coun-
tries would be approved by any Govern-
ment.



I scarcely need add that the news
of the failure of all efforts of media-
tion in this unfortunate strife will
be received by my Government with
deep regret & that a general war
into which all South America, east
of the Andes, seems to be drifting
will be regarded as a great calamity
to the whole world. The efforts of the Pres-
ident of Paraguay to avert so great a
catastrophe must be regarded as most
commendable by all who know the
importance of peace to develop the
resources of these countries and ob-
tain for their inhabitants that stability
and security that are essential to



the highest prosperity and happiness of
every people.

I avail myself of this occasion
to tender to You Ex^{ts} the assurances
of my distinguished consider-
ation.

Charles A. Washburn