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Washington, September $\frac{1}{23}$, 1913. -

(1.)

His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States.

British Embassy, Dublin (New Hampshire).

Sir

September 1, 1913.

UNDER instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request you to be so good as to inform me whether the United States Government would be willing to enter into an arrangement with the Government of His Britannic Majesty by virtue of which fugitive offenders from the Philippine Islands, or Guam, to the State of North Borneo, or from the State of North Borneo to the Philippine Islands, or Guam, shall be reciprocally surrendered for offences specified in the existing Treaties of Extradition between the United States and His Britannic Majesty, so far as such offences are punishable both by the laws of the Philippine Islands, or Guam, and by the laws of the State of North Borneo.

Should your Government agree to this arrangement, I should be glad to receive from you an assurance that this note will be considered by the United States Government as a sufficient confirmation thereof on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.

CECIL SPRING-RICE.

The Hon. W. J. Bryan, Secretary of State, &c. &c. &c.

(2.)

The Secretary of State of the United States to His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at Washington.

Department of State, Washington, September 23, 1913.

Excellency, September 23, 1913.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 1st instant, in which, under instructions from your Government, you

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enquire whether the Government of the United States would be willing to enter into an arrangement with the Government of His Britannic Majesty by virtue of which fugitive offenders from the Philippine Islands, or Guam, to the State of North Borneo, or from the State of North Borneo to the Philippine Islands, or Guam, shall be reciprocally surrendered for offences specified in the existing Treaties of Extradition between the United States and His Britannic Majesty, so far as such offences are punishable both by the laws of the Philippine Islands, or Guam, and by the laws of the State of North Borneo; and you ask that, in case the Government of the United States agrees to this arrangement, you receive from me an assurance that your note will be considered by the Government of the United States as a sufficient confirmation thereof on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

In reply, I am happy to state that the Government of the United States agrees to the arrangement between the Government of the United States and the Government of His Britannic Majesty, by which it is understood that fugitive offenders from the Philippine Islands, or Guam, to British North Borneo and from British North Borneo to the Philippine Islands, or Guam, shall be reciprocally delivered up for offences specified in the Extradition Treaties between the United States and His Britannic Majesty's Government so far as such offences are punishable both by the laws of the Philippine Islands, or Guam, and by the laws of British North Borneo; and accepts your Excellency's note as a sufficient confirmation of the arrangement on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government.

Accordingly, the Government of the United States understands the arrangement to be completed by this present note, and to be in full force and effect from and after the 23rd September, 1913.

I have, &c.

W. J. BRYAN.

His Excellency the Right Hon, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, &c. &c. &c.