

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

PROTECTION OF CUBAN INTERESTS BY UNITED STATES CONSULAR OFFICIALS.

Mr. Thomas to Mr. Hay.

No. 282.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Stockholm, November 10, 1902.

SIR: Referring to your instructions^a of May 24 last, I have the honor to inform you that immediately upon the receipt thereof I proffered the request therein contained to the Government of Sweden and Norway, in a note addressed to the minister for foreign affairs, a copy of which I inclose herewith.

I am to-day in receipt of a note from His Excellency Mr. Lagerheim, a copy of which, accompanied by a translation, stating that in response to this request the United States consular officers in Sweden and Norway have received permission to assume the charge of the interests of Cuba and of its citizens until Cuban consuls shall have been appointed.

In compliance with your instructions, I have at once notified the United States consul-general and consuls in Sweden and Norway that such permission has been granted.

I have, etc.,

W. W. THOMAS.

[Inclosure 1.]

Mr. Thomas to Mr. Lagerheim.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Stockholm, June 23, 1902.

EXCELLENCY: I have the honor to inform you that I am instructed by the Secretary of State, at the request of the President of Cuba, to ask the Government of Sweden and Norway to permit the United States consular officers within its jurisdiction to use their good offices in representation of the interests of Cuba and its citizens until Cuban consuls shall have been appointed.

I take this occasion to renew, etc.,

W. W. THOMAS.

[Inclosure 2—Translation.]

Mr. Lagerheim to Mr. Thomas.

ROYAL FOREIGN OFFICE,
Stockholm, November 7, 1902.

MR. MINISTER: Referring to your note of June 23 last, I have the honor to inform you that United States consular officers in Sweden and Norway have received permission to assume the charge of the interests of Cuba and of its citizens until Cuban consuls shall have been appointed.

Accept, etc.,

LAGERHEIM.