

## PERSIA.

### PROTECTION OF AMERICAN INTERESTS BY BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL AT TABRIZ.

*Mr. Tyler to Mr. Hay.*

No. 28, Diplomatic series.] LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Teheran, January 21, 1903.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit inclosed a copy of resolutions drawn up by the members of the American West Persian Mission expressing their cordial and grateful appreciation of the services Mr. Cecil G. Wood, the British consul-general at Tabriz, Persia, has, during the time he has held the appointment in that city, rendered to the mission. Having had considerable correspondence with Mr. Wood for the whole of the period he has been in Tabriz, I have had opportunities of knowing his thoughtful attention to and willing cooperation with the missionaries in all that affects their safety and welfare, and therefore beg most respectfully to inclose the expressions contained in these resolutions.

I have, etc.,

JOHN TYLER,  
*Vice-Consul-General in Charge.*

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[Inclosure.]

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas Mr. Cecil G. Wood, His British Majesty's consul-general, has taken leave of absence with the expectation of not returning to Tabriz:

*Resolved,* That we missionaries, citizens of the United States of America, place on record our appreciation of and thanks for the assistance and protection Mr. Wood, as consul-general, has always cordially extended to us.

*Resolved,* That we express our regret at the thought of Mr. and Mrs. Wood leaving Tabriz, and we assure them that our best wishes will follow them wherever they may be assigned.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the legation of the United States of America and to our mission board.

S. G. WILSON ET AL.

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*Mr. Hay to Mr. Tyler.*

No. 17.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, February 18, 1903.*

SIR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatch No. 28, diplomatic series, dated the 21st ultimo, inclosing a copy of resolutions drawn up by the members of the American West Persian Mission expressing their cordial and grateful appreciation of the services

rendered by Mr. Cecil G. Wood, the British consul-general at Tabriz, Persia, to the mission during his official residence in that city.

The Department cordially appreciates Mr. Wood's kindly services to American citizens.

I am, etc.,

JOHN HAY.

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**RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL IN PERSIA.**

*Mr. Tyler to Mr. Hay.*

No. 29, Diplomatic series.] LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,  
*Teheran, March 4, 1903.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit inclosed a copy and translation of a note received from the minister for foreign affairs relating to sketching and photographing by travelers and tourists in Persia.

In view of the great increase in this practice by people, quite ignorant of the restrictions and customs prevailing about dwelling houses and religious buildings, traveling in different parts of Persia, some such precautions as those proposed in the note may be the means of preventing insults or even greater indignities.

I am sending copies of the note to the different American missions in Persia for the information of the members and others.

I have, etc.,

JOHN TYLER,  
*Vice-Consul-General in Charge.*

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[Inclosure.—Translation.]

*Minister for foreign affairs to Mr. Tyler.*

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
*American Department, Zeekadah 28, 1320 (February 28, 1903).*

SIR: In view of reports which have come to the notice of His Imperial Majesty the Shah, it appears that on some occasions certain persons, subjects of foreign states, on the plea of traveling or touring in different parts of Persia, are in the habit of making sketches or taking photographs of places, which have been the cause of suspicion on the part of some people. It is possible, if this be allowed to continue, that trouble and difficulty will arise. I beg, therefore, in conformity with the royal commands, to request that whenever a traveler or tourist, under the protection of your respected Government, desires to visit any part of Persia, notice of his arrival and intention may first be communicated to the ministry for foreign affairs, in order that proper instructions may be issued so as to prevent trouble and opposition.

I take, etc.,

SEAL OF THE MUSHIR-ED-DOWLAH,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs.*