MOROCCO.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN MOROCCO AND RENTAL OF A HOUSE IN MOORISH QUARTER OF MEQUINEZ.

[Continued from Foreign Relations, 1909, p. 433.]

File No. 594/51.

Minister Dodge to the Secretary of State.

No. 150.] AMERICAN LEGATION,
Tangier, December 31, 1909.

SIR: Referring to my dispatch, No. 122, of the 3d instant,[1] stating that I had received a note from the vizier for foreign affairs advising me that the Sultan had sent instructions to the governor of Mequinez urgently commanding him to secure there a house to be rented by the Gospel Missionary Union of Kansas City, I have the honor to inclose to you herewith a copy of a letter which I have now received from Rev. George C. Reed in answer to my letter [2] to him therein mentioned. The statement in it will be noted that after some delay the governor had informed him that he had been unable to find a house for these missionaries.

I have now written a further note to the vizier informing him of the governor's reply to Mr. Reed, and expressing my surprise thereat in view of my information that the governor could readily have found a suitable house if he had sincerely endeavored to do so. I have requested that further explicit orders might be sent him to execute the Sultan's former commands.

While adding that I will continue to keep the department advised as to the matter,

I have, etc.,

H. PERCIVAL DODGE.

File No. 594/51.

The Acting Secretary of State to Minister Dodge.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 24, 1910.

SIR: The department has received your No. 150 of the 31st ultimo, reporting the action taken by you to obtain compliance with the orders of the Sultan of Morocco to permit the missionaries of the Gospel Missionary Union to obtain a domicile in the Moorish part of Mequinez.

The president of the union has been advised of your action, the result of which is awaited by the department.

I am, etc.,

ALVEY A. ADEE.

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[1] See Foreign Relations, 1909, p. 438.

[2] Not printed.

File No. 594/54.

Minister Dodge to the Secretary of State.

No. 241.] AMERICAN LEGATION,
Tangier, April 11, 1910.

SIR: Referring to my dispatch, No. 150, of December 31 last, I have the honor to report that I was recently informed by Sid Mohamed Ben Mohamed El Guebbass, the Sultan's representative here, that he had just received a communication from Sid Aissa Ben Omar, the vizier for foreign affairs, advising him that new and urgent orders had been issued by the Sultan to the governor of Mequinez to grant at once and without further delay a house to the missionaries of the Gospel Missionary Union. Yesterday I received a letter from the Rev. George C. Reed, at Mequinez, in which he confirms this information, stating:

I am very glad indeed to inform you that your efforts have been successful and the Basha has finally given us a house in the Moorish quarter of Mequinez.

Mr. Reed further states that the missionaries have already moved into this house, which—

will make us quite a suitable place after certain necessary repairs are made, which we stipulated to have done at once, and to help defray the cost of which we advanced five months' rent, at $4 per month. * * * Our coming into the city to live by orders of the Sultan has seemed to have a very good effect upon the people, and we believe has brought to a successful issue this long-standing case.

This house is one belonging to the Maghzen, and the lease given to the missionaries is for an indefinite time at the extremely low rental above mentioned.

This matter, which has been pending for some six years, would thus now seem to have been concluded satisfactorily to the missionaries of the Gospel union and I trust also to the department.

I have now requested Sid Guebbass to convey to the Sultan my thanks for the satisfactory settlement of this matter.

I am, etc.,

H. PERCIVAL DODGE.

File No. 594/54.

The Secretary of State to Minister Dodge.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, April 29, 1910.

SIR: The department has received your No. 241 of the 11th instant relative to the order of the Sultan of Morocco causing the governor of Mequinez to grant permission for the missionaries of the Gospel Missionary Union to procure a residence in the Moorish quarter of the town, and is gratified at the result of your efforts.

The information contained in your dispatch has been communicated to Mr. Fisher, the president of the union.

I am, etc.,

(For Mr. Knox.)
HUNTINGTON WILSON.