

URUGUAY.

No. 491.

Mr. Caldwell to Mr. Evarts.

No. 41.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Montevideo, March 10, 1879. (Received May 10).

SIR: I have the honor to report that this government has returned to a constitutional form by the action of Colonel Latorre. A legislature, duly chosen, assembled on the 15th of February. Dr. Vidal was chosen president of the Senate, and Señor Bustamante president of the House of Representatives. Colonel Latorre resigned his power into the hands of the president of the Senate, who remained in charge of the executive power until the 1st of March, on which day the legislature in general assembly unanimously elected Col. Lorenzo Latorre constitutional president for the term of four years.

President Latorre nominated the following cabinet: Don José M. Montero, jr., minister of interior; Dr. Albert Mendez, minister of foreign relations; Col. Edward Vasquez, minister of war and marine; Don Aurelio Berro, minister of finance.

The three first-named gentlemen occupied the same positions under the dictatorship.

I have, &c.,

JOHN C. CALDWELL.

VENEZUELA.

No. 492.

Mr. Baker to Mr. Evarts.

No. 85.]

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Caracas, January 24, 1879. (Received February 20.)

SIR: I send herewith a copy and translation of a communication from the minister of exterior relations, of date 15th instant, announcing a resolution of the national executive the preceding day, requiring cargoes destined for Puerto Cabello to discharge at La Guayra. I also send a copy of my reply, of date 22d instant, objecting to this proceeding. Both documents are connected with a question of sufficient gravity to demand your serious attention. The only practical effect of this action, so far as I am yet advised, is the prohibition of vessels arriving at La Guyara, or I presume any other port under the control of the government, with destination to Puerto Cabello, from proceeding to the latter port. This is a feature of the case to which I invite your special attention.

The dispatch quoted from in my reply you will find to be No. 11 to Mr. Partridge.

I have, &c.,

JEHU BAKER.