

Ambassador to this country, has been accredited to a State and received by it a revolutionary change takes place in the government of the State from which he comes, his functions are rather suspended than terminated, and during such suspension he is entitled to the immunities and respect due to his station. Every prudent government is careful not to decide prematurely by a formal reception of envoys from a *de facto* power whether or not the real sovereignty has actually passed to such power. In order to relieve the State to which such envoys are sent from making any formal or positive decision on that subject, they sometimes go in the anomalous character of agents clothed with the powers and immunities of Ministers without being invested with the representative character or entitled to diplomatic honours. If, on the other hand, after a Minister has been duly received, the government to which he is accredited is forcibly overthrown and another substituted in its place which his own country recognizes, his status is unaffected. If, however, his own country fails to recognize the new government, it is usual for a Minister to continue to enjoy the immunities originally belonging to him, although it is a grave question whether his State could claim for him such immunities as a right while it refuses to invest him with the representative character, or to recognize the lawfulness of the government upon which such claim would have been made: See Taylor's *International Public Law*, pp. 324, 325.—*Law Times*.

RELEASE TO TRUSTEES.

A correspondent raises a very useful little point as regards the right of a trustee to a release under seal from beneficiaries upon the distribution of the residue under a will. It is a common demand for a trustee to make on winding up his accounts that he should be given a release. In *Chadwick v. Heatley* (Coll. 137) a trustee on transferring certain stock to his *cestui que trust* was held entitled to some acknowledgment of the same being received in full, and clear of all demands, but that the trustee could not call for a release under seal. The Vice-