

In my task to work for his release I was kindly assisted by all the Americans from the North and the South living in Mexico, and I have especially to thank Mr. A. P. Perry, the correspondent of the 'New York Herald;' Dr. Skelton; and above all the new Chargé d'Affaires of the United States in Mexico, Mr. Plumb, who was instructed by Mr. Seward, who knew my husband very well, to intercede for him with the Mexican Government. President Johnson caused Mr. Seward to write a private letter to Mr. Juarez in reference to the Prince, and told me later, when I saw him in Washington, that it was done in consequence of my several letters to him.

Admiral Tegethoff had also interested himself for the Prince, and in the middle of November he sent me a card of congratulation, as Minister Lerdo, with whom he had dined, had informed him that the President had just signed the release of my husband.

This release was taken by Baron Magnus to Vera Cruz, and communicated on November 13 to my husband, with the request to report to the commander of the city. The Prince intended to leave for Europe in the English steamer sailing on December 3, and telegraphed for me to come. I answered that I would be with him in four days.

When Salm reported to the commander of Vera Cruz, this General insisted on his leaving by the next