

(Inclosure 2 in No. 39.)

(Translation.)

*Declaration of M. E. S. Lamirande.*

I, the undersigned, Bureau Lamirande (Ernest Charles Constant), declare solemnly that, if the verdict of the jury, who are to decide on the forgery which is imputed to me, and which I protest never having intended to commit, is in the negative, I do not intend in any way to profit by the benefit of the Extradition Treaty with England; that I demand, on the contrary, under this hypothesis, to be judged by the Court of Assize of Vienna, for the acts of embezzlement and of theft which have been brought against me by the decree of the Chamber of Indictment.

I am then ready to constitute myself a prisoner, and I beg my counsel to place this declaration in the hands of M. le Procureur Général.

(Signed,) E. S. LAMIRANDE.

POTTIERS, December 4, 1866.

(Inclosure 3 in No. 39.)

*M. E. S. Lamirande to M. Damay.*

(Translation.)

FONTEVRAULT, February 10, 1867.

M. LE PROCUREUR GENERAL.—I have just learned that the English Government have addressed a demand to the French Government for the surrender of my person. Being desirous of avoiding the continuance of a publicity, painful to my family, and quite decided to expiate my crime, by submitting to the penalty which has been inflicted on me by the justice of my country, I declare that I formally renounce, from to-day, benefit from that surrender, if it should take place.

I now beg you to have the goodness to transmit the present declaration to His Excellency the Keeper of the Seals.

(Signed,) E. S. LAMIRANDE.

(Inclosure 4 in No. 39.)

*M. E. S. Lamirande to the Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice.*

(Translation.)

FONTEVRAULT, February 19, 1867.

M. LE MINISTRE.—I have the honor to inform you that I renounce, beforehand, and in the most formal manner, the liberty which the demand, framed by the English Government for the surrender of my person, if it were successful, might restore to me.

The motives of my renunciation are the interest in my family, for whom I wish to avoid the continuance of a publicity very painful to them, and the sincere and complete repentance by which I wish to try and expiate my crime.

This determination on my part is perfectly free and deliberate.

It is, then, by my own deed, independently of any influence, that I declare my submission to the decisions of French justice, and acceptance, without reserve and without *arrière pensée*, of all its consequences.

(Signed,) E. S. LAMIRANDE.

(Inclosure 5 in No. 39.)

*MM. C. G. and C. S. Lamirande to the Keeper of the Seals, Minister of Justice.*

(Translation.)

CHATELLERAULT, February 20, 1867.

M. LE MINISTRE.—I have the honor to address to you the enclosed letter from my son, Ernest Lamirande, by which he gives up, in anticipation, all claim to the benefits of the demand by the English Government for the surrender of his person.

If anything could repair the harm which this unhappy son has done to me as well as to my family, it would be his repentance.

Therefore we regard with satisfaction this determination, which I hasten to transmit to your Excellency.

It will have a result to which we attach great value—that of putting a stop at least to the reports which have been circulated in connection with our name.