

occupied the honorable post of Grand Chamberlain and Chief Librarian to the Grand Duke of Tuscany. The Count had early entered with earnestness and enthusiasm into Mr. Lester's views on the subject of the preparation of this work, and had given him all the assistance that lay in his power. The original of this letter is in the possession of the publisher.

Florence, March 15th, 1847.

SIR:—With feelings of real pleasure I comply with the commands of his Imperial and Royal Highness the Archduke, Grand Duke, my August Master, in acknowledging the receipt of your learned and highly interesting "Life and Voyages of Americus Vesputius," and in assuring you that this valuable donation has been received with great pleasure, not only in consideration of the more than common talent and erudition displayed in the performance, but also of the very courteous manner in which you speak, particularly of His Highness, and in general of Italy and the Italians, who must, of course, feel alike grateful for the new and brilliant light you have spread over the authentic pedigree and biography of that famous Italian navigator.

The elegant volume, having been kept to this time in the Grand Duke's own Cabinet, has just now, by express order of His I. and R. Highness, been placed conspicuously in his splendid Palatine Library, and I have been commanded to offer you His Highness's warmest thanks for your polite and kind attention.

And having thus fulfilled my Royal Master's behests, and performed an agreeable duty, in communicating them to you, I, at present, add only, that, with the most perfect esteem and respect,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obliged and faithful servant,

CT. JACOB GRABERG OF HEMSO.

Chamberlain and Chief Librarian
to H. I. and R. Highness.

TO C. EDWARDS LESTER,
United States Consul, at Genoa.

It is not thought improper also, to introduce into this note, passages from some other sources, indicating the value of this volume, as a