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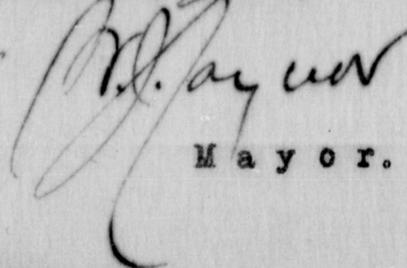
VISIT

March 18, 1912.k

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

It gives me great pleasure to invite, through you, the German Squadron which is soon to visit the United States to visit, and accept the hospitalities, of the City of New York. It will give us all much pleasure to have this invitation accepted.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Aldrich".

Mayor.

His Exc'ellency,
Count von Bernstorff,
German Ambassador,
Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1912. b

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Your communication of April 23rd, informing me that His Majesty the Emperor has been pleased to accept the invitation of the City of New York for the German squadron to call here, is at hand. I shall forthwith have the matter of the reception of the squadron prepared.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Meyer
M a y o r .

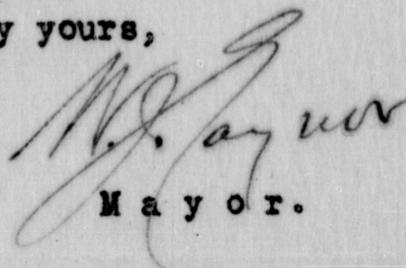
His Excellency,
Count von Bernstorff,
German Ambassador,
Washington, D.C.

May 15th, 1912. 8

My dear Count von Bernstorff:

The committee which I appointed to receive the officers of the German Squadron is now getting everything into shape, and I wish to invite you to be present at the banquet, and on my call to make an address. The subject will be left entirely to you. The Mayor will preside at the dinner and say a few words, and then you will be called on, and then, if you say so, the Admiral will be called on, or any officer you may designate. I am also writing to the Secretary of the Navy to see what officers of the United States ships we will invite.

Sincerely yours,


M a y o r.

His Excellency,
Count von Bernstorff,
German Ambassador,
Washington, D. C.

May 20th, 1912.M

My dear Count von Bernstorff:

V Your letter of May 16th is at hand, and I am glad you can be at the dinner to the Admiral and his officers. The program will be completed very soon, and your suggestion that you toast the President of the United States will be adopted. Of course I expect the Admiral to speak after you.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. May
Mayor.

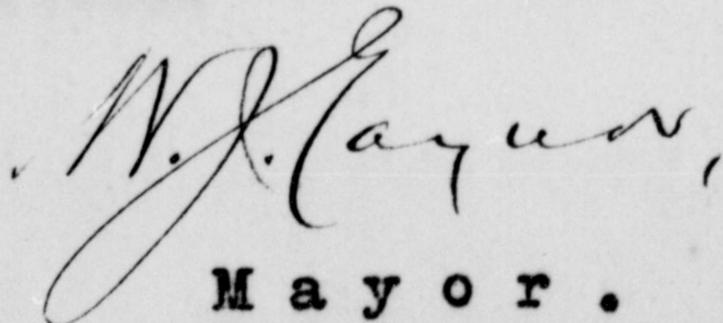
His Excellency,
Count von Bernstorff,
German Ambassador,
Washington, D.C.

CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

June 6th, 1912.M

To the Public:

The German Squadron
which comes to this city by direction
of the German Emperor on invitation
of the Mayor will arrive here on
Sunday, June 9th, and remain for
three days, during which time the
officers and men of the Squadron
are to be the guests of the city.
I suggest that during that period
our citizens decorate their resi-
dences and places of business in
honor of the visitors.


M a y o r .

June 11th, 1912.M

Gentlemen:

Permit me to thank you for your attitude concerning the dinner which the city gave to the officers of the German Squadron at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel last evening. When it became known that certain persons who put themselves forward as the leaders and spokesmen of the Waiters' Union, had ordered the waiters to strike, and refuse to serve the dinner, or had urged them to do so, wholly disregarding the honor and hospitality of the city to its distinguished foreign guests, the members of your association at once offered to serve the dinner personally if necessary, sooner than to have the hospitality of the city dishonored. I am quite certain that all our citizens feel about the matter the same as I do. I am also glad that the waiters on second thought refused to be led into the doing of such a mean thing.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Gaynor,
Mayor.

The Hotel Association of New York City.

June 13th, 1912. s

Dear Mr. Low:

The Mayor cannot forbear expressing to you, and through you to your associates on the Citizens' Committee which he appointed to assist him in receiving and entertaining the officers and men of the German Squadron as guests of the City of New York, his thanks for the diligence and fine sense of hospitality with which you as their chairman, and all of you, performed your part. You did not assist - you did it all. And I desire to single out and mention Mr. Herman Ridder and Mr. R. A. C. Smith for their work as chairmen of sub-committees.

Sincerely yours,

M. J. H. Mayor
M a y o r .

Hon. Seth Low,
No. 30, East 64th Street,
New York City.

August 14, 1912. s

Dear Mr. President:

Some of our citizens have conferred with me concerning the visit of the National fleet to this city in October, and of the visit of the President and his cabinet and the foreign ambassadors to this city at the same time. I concur with them that the President and his cabinet, and the foreign ambassadors, and the officers and men of the fleet, should be the guests of the city during their stay here, or for some part of the time. I am therefore writing to you unofficially, so that you may consider the matter, and give your consent, if you will be so good as to do so. I need not assure you that it will be most pleasant for the Mayor and the people of the city to have you all as our guests.

Sincerely yours,



The President,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

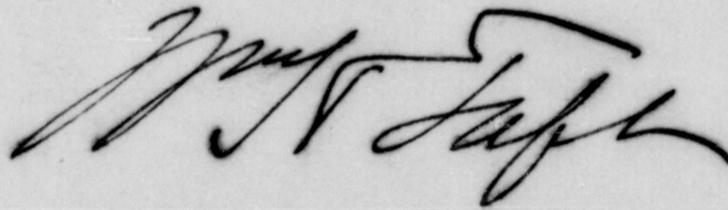
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 16, 1912.

My dear Mayor Gaynor:

I have your letter of August 14th. I expect to visit
New York to review the national fleet in October, and I
shall be very glad to accept any hospitality of the City
at your hands which may not be burdensome to you, but which
may give me the opportunity of association with you.
I do not know that any of my Cabinet, except the Secretary
of the Navy, will be with me, but I shall bring as many
as I can gather together, if you desire them.

Sincerely yours,



Hon. W. J. Gaynor,
Mayor of New York,
New York, N. Y.



September 11th, 1912. s

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Your letter of September 10th, in answer to my letter requesting that the warships remain in this harbor longer than the time arranged for, is at hand. I do trust that the Secretary will be able to prolong the time, as it is my great wish, and the great wish of the people of this city, to extend a befitting welcome. We do not wish to do less for our own navy than we did when the German ships were here.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Sawyer
MAYOR.

Hon. Philip Andrews,
Acting Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.

October 1st, 1912.

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Dear Sir:

In a few days the naval forces of the United States will be mobilized and reviewed at New York, San Francisco, and Manila. A fleet of about 120 ships, including 32 battleships, having on board about 1,000 officers and 30,000 men, will be reviewed at New York by the President of the United States. I have extended the hospitality of the city to the President, the members of his cabinet, and the officers and men of the fleet, and the same has been accepted by the President. I have appointed a committee of citizens to assist the Mayor in extending such hospitality, and I request you to serve on such committee. The committee has been organized, and Herman Ridder, Esq., has been appointed as Chairman and Dr. Edward Magaman Hall as Secretary.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Gaynes
Mayor.

By

Robert Magaman
Secretary.

Stephen C. Baldwin, Esq.,
188 Montague Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

October 8th, 1912. s

Dear Mr. Secretary:

An invitation has already been sent to you for the Dinner we are giving to the President and the Officers of the fleet and members of the Cabinet on Monday evening, October 14th. We shall all be very glad indeed if you are able to accept and be with us.

Sincerely yours,


M a y o r.

Hon. Franklin MacVeagh,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

October 8, 1912. b

Dear Mr. President:

Our dinner to the President, his members of the Cabinet, and the officers of the fleet, is set for Monday evening, October 14th. As you may imagine, we shall all expect a few words from you. I shall be glad to wait on you on your arrival in New York, and have everything done which may in any way add to the comfort and pleasure of your visit here.

Sincerely yours,

M. J. Ryan,
Mayor.

Hon. William H. Taft,
The President.