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M. Reits to Count de Mérode Westerloo.

Consulat-Général de l'État Libre d'Orange en Belgique,

M. le Comte, *Bruxelles, le 3 Août, 1894,*

LE Gouvernement de l'État Libre d'Orange a suivi avec intérêt l'œuvre considérable que la Conférence Internationale réunie à Bruxelles a accomplie en vue de servir la cause de l'humanité et de la civilisation en Afrique, et il désire vivement pouvoir s'y associer.

L'affranchissement et le relèvement de la race nègre a toujours été dans la mesure des circonstances l'objet de sa sollicitude. La législation de l'État Libre en fournit plusieurs preuves.

En conséquence, le Gouvernement de l'État Libre est disposé à adhérer à l'Acte Général de Bruxelles, en se conformant à l'Article XCVIII du dit Acte.

Dans ce but je prie votre Excellence de vouloir bien porter les intentions du Gouvernement de l'État Libre à la connaissance des Puissances Signataires de l'Acte Général afin de s'assurer de leur assentiment à notre acte d'adhésion.

Je prie, &c.
(Signé) REITS.

(Translation.)

Consulate-General of the Orange Free State in Belgium,
M. le Comte. *Brussels, August 3, 1894.*

THE Government of the Orange Free State have followed with interest the considerable work that the International Conference which met at Brussels has accomplished with the view of serving the cause of humanity and of civilization in Africa; and they earnestly desire to be associated with it.

The enfranchisement and elevation of the negro race has always, when circumstances have admitted of it, been the object of their solicitude. The legislation of the Free State furnishes many proofs of this.

The Government of the Orange Free State are, therefore, disposed to accede to the General Act of Brussels, in conformity with Article XCVIII of that Act.

With this object, I beg your Excellency to be so good as to bring the wishes of the Government of the Free State to the knowledge of the Signatory Powers of the General Act in order to insure their assent to our act of accession.

I beg, &c.
(Signed) REITS

[NOTE.—All the Signatory Powers have accepted this act of accession.]
