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No. 1.

M. Bourcart to the Marquess of Salisbury.—(Received May 24.)

M. le Marquis,

Londres, le 23 Mai, 1899.

J'AI l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de votre Seigneurie que, par note datée du 1^{er} Avril, 1899, le Ministre des Affaires Étrangères de la Principauté de Monténégro a annoncé, au nom de son Gouvernement, au Conseil Fédéral, que la Principauté se retire, pour cause d'économie, de l'Union Internationale pour la protection des œuvres littéraires et artistiques créée par la Convention du 9 Septembre, 1886.

Aux termes de l'Article XX de cette Convention, celle-ci demeurera en vigueur dans la Principauté de Monténégro jusqu'à l'expiration d'une année à partir du jour où la dénonciation en a été faite, soit jusqu'au 1^{er} Avril, 1900.

En priant votre Seigneurie de vouloir bien prendre note de ce qui précède, je saisis, &c.

(Signé)

C. D. BOURCART.

(Translation.)

M. le Marquis,

London, May 23, 1899.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that, by a note dated the 1st April, 1899, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Montenegro has notified, in the name of his Government, to the Federal Council that, for reasons of economy, the Principality withdraws from the International Union for the protection of Literary and Artistic Works, created by the Convention of the 9th September, 1886.

By the terms of Article XX of that Convention, the latter will remain in force in the Principality of Montenegro until the

expiration of one year, dating from the day on which the withdrawal has been notified, that is, until the 1st April, 1900.

In begging your Lordship to be so good as to take note of the above, I avail, &c.

(Signed) C. D. BOURCART.

No. 2.

The Marquess of Salisbury to M. Bourcart.

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 30, 1899.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23rd instant stating that, by a note dated the 1st ultimo, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Principality of Montenegro has, in the name of his Government, announced to the Federal Council the withdrawal of the Principality, for reasons of economy, from the International Union for the protection of Literary and Artistic Works, created by the Convention of the 9th September, 1886

I note, also, that, by the terms of Article XX, the latter will remain in force in the Principality of Montenegro until the expiration of one year, dating from the day on which the withdrawal has been notified, *i.e.*, to the 1st April, 1900.

I am, &c.

(Signed) SALISBURY.
