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Lettere di rettemi in occasione della fine della mia missione in Inghilterra -

Discorso di Lord Curzon al pranzo di addio

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Personal Oct. 18 1920

My dear Ambassador,

Your announcement this afternoon was so sudden & unexpected that I must have been seemed quite dazed. The effect was

to render me quite
inarticulate & thus
must have failed
to impress upon him
the depth of my regret
at the severance of
our personal and
official ties which

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have survived the strain of so many years: anyway you will have us a precious memory to cherish of an Ambassador whose conception of his duties was worthy of the high functions which you fulfilled without

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fear or favour to the mutual benefit of this country which you represented and of that to which you were accredited. Nobody can sob you of the consciousness of a duty well & nobly performed.

Believe me.

always yrs very sincerely

D. Tyneke

1, Carlton House Terrace,
S.W. 1.

Wher lau be
thee reasons of
this Chance
I cannot venture
to Conjecture.
But we shall
all regard it
as one that
deserves Italy
of a [illegible]
[illegible]

1, Carlton House Terrace,
S.W.1.

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AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA,
20, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
W.

October 19th.

My dear Lord Curzon,

I wish to tender You my most heartfelt thanks for Your letter of this morning. Pray, be assured, that my profound and grateful appreciation for Your kind words. They have highly flattered and deeply touched me.

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Hoping to have soon the
opportunity of renewing
my thanks in person,
I remain,
ever sincerely Yours

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Berlino ~~xxxx~~ 25 Ottobre 1920 ore ....

Destinazione Londra giuntami come fulmine a ciel sereno quando appena lavori qui e quasi terminata istallazione. Sono lusingato per destinazione che corrisponde mie antichissime ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ simpatie o vedute politiche, ma non ho parole per esprimerle il mio vivo profondo dolore per interruzione forse prima del tempo da lei stabilito dell'opera geniale che Ella svolgeva costì in vantaggio d'Italia.

Prego devoti ossequi alla Marchesa

di Berlino

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Lunedì 25 Ottobre 1920

Carissimo Guglielmo

Nel leggere la tua, recatami dall'amico Pavoncelli, non puoi credere la meraviglia, lo sdegno, ed il dolore che ho provato! Come ti diceva in una delle ultime mie lettere, che a me non faceva paura la marea popolare, che ogni giorno, montava di più, ma la parte dirigente, che non era all'altezza dei tempi, così difficili e preoccupanti. Questa decisione presa da Sforza è una prova! Dopo una brillante carriera

Scusa il modo, come ti ho scritto, perchè nevarissimo!!..

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nella quale hai servito il tuo Re ed il
tuo paese con fedeltà e zelo, non merita-
ri questo indegno trattamento! Nei
miei settantatrè anni di vita, anche
ci ho avuto parecchi dolori e disillusio-
ni; il solo conforto è stato quello di alzare
gli occhi al Cielo, ed ho trovato quella
forza necessaria a sopportare la sciagura
che mi colpiva! Tu che hai princi-
pi sì saldi e che hai la coscienza pura,
di avere, sempre, adempito in tutto, e
per tutto, il tuo dovere non ti colpisce

tutte decisioni nelle riunioni che tutte
hanno d'uopo che il governo detto, ed
di vere adesioni, le manifesti d'ade-
rire il suo gradito, concedendole onore
licenza, che per quanto mi creda, mo-
dichevole, che per quanto mi creda, mo-
desto, che per quanto mi creda, mo-
desto, che per quanto mi creda, mo-
desto

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deve essere addolorata! Domani parto
per Napoli e mi occuperò, subito, per soddi-
sfarto nei tuoi giusti desideri, a riguardo
delle tue rendite ~~con~~ la falcidia delle tasse
patrimoniali, che ora è venuta a restrin-
gere, sempre più, le nostre entrate, quantun-
que su per giù non vi sarà differenza con l'al-
timo specchietto che ti diedi nella tua venuta
a Napoli ultimamente, si perto che per le lere
Nini. È inutile dirti che non parlerò con
Chicchessia delle dispiacevoli nuove che
mi hai dato, ma pur troppo i giornali rad-
deranno palese tale indegna decisione.
Con tutto l'affetto tuo sempre Alfonso

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32, CAMPDEN HOUSE CHAMBERS,
SHEFFIELD TERRACE,
LONDON, W.

30 Ottobre 1920

Eccellenza

Sono addoloratissimo di leggere dai giornali ch'Ella sta per ritirarsi dalla carica che regge per tanti anni, con così immenso vantaggio del Suo Paese e del mio. Interpellato in proposito oggi il Cav. Prezioso, lesse nel suo volto la conferma di questa triste notizia.

Non so veramente cosa dire, dappoichè le parole sono impari ad esprimere il rammarico che provo pensando che Colui che guidò con mano così esperta il corso delle relazioni diplomatiche tra l'Italia e l'Inghilterra in tempi forte-

rosissimi, orte di difficoltà e pericoli senza
esempio nel passato, sta per lasciare il ter-
mine; e ciò ben prima che il grave compito
affidatogli sia condotto a termine. Quanti
problemi rimangono ancora, dalla cui so-
luzione dipendono le sorti delle future re-
lazioni tra l'Italia e l'Impero Britannico.
E questi problemi dovranno trattarsi da
quest'Ambasciata, senza ch'essa goda
il vantaggio delle Sue intime cognizioni
degli antecedenti di quei problemi, della
Sua esperienza del mondo politico inglese,
delle preziose relazioni personali contratte
durante un decennio di operosità in questa
Metropoli, ov'Ella, assistita per la parte
ufficiale, dalla Sua gentilissima Consorte,
seppe conquistarsi la stima, la fiducia,
l'affetto di tanti fra le più cospicue

personalità dell' Inghilterra.

Per me, poi, la Sua partenza sarà una perdita irreparabile. Mante prove di benevolenza e di amicizia ebbi sempre da parte Sua. Come accolse ognora colla più squisita cortesia e simpatia ogni più insignificante azione mia diretta a far meglio conoscere ed apprezzare l'Italia e le sue ragioni dai miei compatrioti. Certamente ne conserverò mai sempre memoria grata e cara.

Non mi resta che di assicurare Lei e la gentile Signora Marchesa che in qualunque altra sfera Essi trasferiranno la Loro presenza, saranno accompagnati sempre dai miei più fervidi voti perchè Dio conceda Loro ogni feli-

cità e prospera fortuna.

Voglia gradire, Eccellenza, insieme al mio ossequio, i miei più distinti e cordiali saluti.

Dev^mo
Avv. T. Boston Bruce

A Sua Eccellenza
Il Marchese Imperiali di Francavilla
R. Ambasciatore d'Italia
20 Grosvenor Square

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OFFICES OF THE CABINET,
2, WHITEHALL GARDENS,
S.W.1.

Personal.

1st November, 1920.

My dear Ambassador,

For some reason which I have been totally unable to trace, your most kind letter of October 21st, No. 2228, has only just reached me. I must have seemed to you to have been deplorably lacking in courtesy, in not acknowledging it before. My colleague, Mr. Jones, wishes me to convey to Your Excellency his most grateful thanks for all the trouble you have taken on behalf of his late Secretary, Miss Anna Mill. He quite understands that it is impossible, in the circumstances, for her to obtain the position she desired.

I greatly hope that the reports I have seen in the newspapers, to the effect that you are shortly to be transferred to another sphere, are not true. I know how much you have done to consolidate the historic friendship of Italy and Great Britain, and how widely you would be missed if by any chance you left your present post. In any case, I shall always carry with me the warmest recollections of your constant and friendly courtesy to myself.

Believe me to be,

My dear Ambassador,

Your sincerely,

Maurice Hour.

His Excellency
The Marquis Imperiali,
Italian Ambassador,
20, Grosvenor Square,
W.1.

The Dowager
Countess of Lytton

HOMEWOOD,

Rail: KNEBWORTH, G.N.R.
Telegrams: KNEBWORTH.

KNEBWORTH,

Nov 1. 1920.

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My dear Marquis

I was so very sorry to see by the newspaper on Saturday, that you were going back to your dear lovely country and giving up your post in England - where you have borne so much with us, & so nobly helped us in such great & difficult times. and it was always such a pleasure to me to tell our old friend was there in London, though I seldom can go there. I looked for you at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party, but did

not see you alas.
Remember me to your
charming wife who has
I know helped you
as wives can, and
should do. and may
you enjoy many
happy days at Rome
when all gets quieter.
Believe me ever
Sincerely yrs
Edith Cleyton

I have 18 grandchildren
& 3 great grandchildren
who fill my life with utmost
etill.

Nov. 5th/20

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TEL: MAYFAIR 6649.

16, PORTMAN SQUARE,
W.

Dear Excellency

I hope you will forgive me for troubling you but I have a request to make - My husband & S. with Captain & Mr. Gerard Leigh are going to the Soudan to shoot this winter.

We sail from Trieste on Jan 6th but are experiencing considerable difficulty in getting our rifles through Italy. Is there any possibility

of your being able to give us any sort of permit & enable us to do so? 15v

It would be more than kind & I need hardly say we should be eternally grateful -

May I say how very sorry I am to hear you are having London & your many friends will feel it very much -

With apologies for bothering you, Believe me

Yours sincerely

Ivy Fitchfield

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FORBES HOUSE,
HALKIN STREET, S.W.1.

Saturday Nov 6th

My dear Ambassador

The recent announcement in the Press has come to us both as a great surprise.

We had no idea that you were likely to leave here, and in these days, when friends are scarce, both of us will feel very much this removal from our midst of two such dear and loyal friends as you both have been always always.

I trust however that we may

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have the pleasure of seeing you both sometimes; meanwhile all our good wishes go with you both wherever you may be.

Yrs Ever

Grantwich.

P.S. We sail on the Olympia on the 19th for the States. Will you both come & lunch with us one day before we sail?

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TELEPHONE PADD:- 3907.

13, BRYANSTON SQUARE, W.

November 7. 1920.

My dear Ambassador

Will you let me assure you how much I regret and lament on national as well as personal grounds your coming departure?

It is a great pleasure
for me to know that
I tried a few months
ago, however inadequately,
to do justice to your
great achievement
and outstanding
friendship for that
country which helped

so materially to hold 18r
us together during the
most terrible crisis
in the world's history.
You have all my
congratulations on the
work you have
accomplished and
my best wishes for
your future career.
I hope you will convey

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this expression of
my feelings to the
Marchesa Imperiali.

I believe me
Your very truly
Barnham

19r

7 Novembre 1920.

VILLA PUZZI,
MURISENGO,
(MONFERRATO).

Signor Ambasciatore,

Soltanto oggi i giornali di Torino ci portano in fondo a questa nostra collina la notizia ufficiale delle dimissioni da V. E. presentate. Ella può bene imaginare quanto mi rattristi il pensiero che chi ha con tanto senno, con tanta dignità e con tanto successo rappresentato il nostro Re ed il nostro Paese, nei momenti così difficili che abbiamo attraversato in questi dieci anni, nel posto più importante per noi, lasci il Servizio nell'ora presente, quando l'Italia ha il maggior bisogno dell'opera dei suoi uomini eminenti. Vero è che la sua attività troverà altri campi da svolgersi - anche fuori del Senato, che dà tanta prova di saggezza e di patriottismo: ma è pur penoso che chi era proprio the right man costì, lasci Grosvenor Square.

lui trovo qui dalla metà di giugno, e fuori dal contatto cogli ambienti bene informati: perciò nulla so delle ragioni che hanno determinata la Sua decisione. Forse mia Zia me ne saprà dire qualche cosa nella prossima lettera. Checchè ne sia, Ella potrà prendersi un po' di quell'indispensabile riposo, dopo anni d'intenso lavoro e di così gravi responsabilità come questi trascorsi: ed i Suoi amici avranno il piacere di vederla un po' di più in Italia.

I giornali aggiungono tutto quello che la Stampa Inglese dice intorno alla simpatia ed all'alta considerazione di cui Ella era circondato costì ed al bene che la Sua missione ha fatto alle relazioni fra i due Paesi: e certo che tale apprezzamento è stato ben meritato.

Penso quanto sarà infelice mia Zia della Loro partenza; ed anche per questo riguardo è per noi un vero dispiacere. La Marchesa e Lei furono sempre tanto buoni e premurosi per le nostre vecchie Zie che ai tanti titoli di Ella ha alla nostra riconoscenza, questo può aggiungere grandissimo.

Scrivo ora alla Marchesa; e mi confermo la devota amicizia e grato animo Suo aff.mo

Vittorio Elia

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STATIONS:
TWICKENHAM & STRAWBERRY HILL.
TELEPHONE

FULWELL PARK,
MIDDLESEX.

Mon cher ami

Je ne peux vous dire combien la nouvelle de votre départ m'impressionne.

Je rentre à Londres demain et j'espère pouvoir causer avec vous un moment, et vous dire des choses qui vous intéresseront.

Je me mets aux pieds de l'Ambadrice et vous prie de me croire

Votre tout dévoué

Oberal

Roma, 10 novembre 1920

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Eccellenza carissima

Tornato a Roma mi sento confermare la notizia letta nei giornali che Ella lascierà codest'Ambasciata. — Il suo ex-dipendente, il funzionario, il cittadino Manzoni desidera esprimerle il loro vivo rincrescimento

questo avvenimento. — Francamente, il movimento diplomatico annunciato / e meglio scoperto dai giornali / è molto male ideato!

La prego dei miei ossequi e dei compli-menti di mia moglie per la Signorina e di credermi sempre Suo devmo

G. Marconi

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BROOKS'S,
ST. JAMES'S STREET,
S.W.1

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My dear Imperiali

I have heard with great
Regret that you are going to be
ill: you will take with you I am
sure a fine consciousness of fine
work done by you here, as well as
our best wishes. I should like very

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much to come to say Goodbye. I am going away on Saturday, but shall be here for two or three days next week. These however will be much taken up with some political work in which contrary to my intentions I have again become entangled and at the week of Dec. 7 is not too late that would be the easiest time

Yours sincerely Grey R.F.

Parigi, 20. 11. 20

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Caro Guglielmo,

Ho fatto d'urgenza la tua comunicazione alla Casa de Duzzeele.

Grazie infinite di quanto mi hai scritto su Lord Hardinge. Ho avuto con Derby rapporti eccellenti che mi saranno utilissimi, e poi d'apprendere da te che potrò avere d'altrettanti con il suo successore.

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Caro Guglielmo, vorrei scriverti tante cose che ti dirò meglio al tuo passaggio da Parigi. Avrei voluto vederti rimanere indefinitamente a Londra da dove mi giungono gli echi cotidiani del rammarico che vi si ha di vederti partire.

Saluti cordialissimi

al tuo aff.mo

Lelio

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1, Carlton House Terrace,
S.W. 1.

Nov 26 1920

Dear Ambassador

Let us choose
Wednesday Dec 8
for the Dinner here
and can you give
me the names
of half a dozen
persons I proceed

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I am [illegible]
in public [illegible]
[illegible]
from whom I
[illegible] a
few [illegible]
present

[illegible]

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TELEGRAMS:
WOOLSTHORPE.
PARCELS, REDMILE.

Belvoir Castle,
Grantham.

Dec 4. 1920.

My dear Excellency -

My severe illness prevents my coming in person to convey to you and the Excellency my deep regret that you are leaving England -

If I may venture to say so both of you will be sincerely missed by all of us. Why, apart

from more serious places,
I shall not find you at
the Front, when I am
able to get back to
London!

all my diplomatic
friends with whom I
passed through the war,
are leaving Paris Countess,
and personally there
are none I shall miss

more — or so much — as
the Italian Ambassador
and Her excellency —

Believe me
yours very truly

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Marchese Imperiali
Ambasciate Italia London

Spiacente non essere questa sera
con loro esprimo Marchesa
E. V. k. Ensi mia profonda devozion
Maggiore Ghaziana

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His Excellency Italian
Ambassador Princes
Hall Galleries
Piccadilly Ldn

associomi de tutto cuore a rimpianto
colonia per sua partenza e faccio fervidi
voti perche ogni felicita accompagni lei
e sua nobile consorte Bruce

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Canzian Esquire Italian Banquet Princes Restaurant Piccadilly

Causa forte malessere sono mio malgrado impossibilitato prender parte banchetto pregola porgere pro eccellenze marchese marchesa imperiali mie vivissime scuse esprimendo profonda riconoscenza per valido aiuto portato societa beneficenza E. Sinceri sentitissimi auguri di prospero avvenire

Costa

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Dec. 7
1920

3, Buckingham Gate,
S.W.

My dear Ambassador
It would
indeed be a great pleasure
to have some conversation
with you before your departure,
deeply regretted as it is by
us all. If you can tell
me at what hour after
2-30 P.M. you are likely
to be at home during
Thursday Friday or Saturday

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or (still better perhaps, as
quieter) Sunday, I would
call to see you; or if it
suits you better to call
I would you be passing
near this house, I would be
at home at any time you
might name except 5 to 6
on Friday when I am engaged

Believe me
Very sincerely yours
Bryce

le 9 Déc 1920

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Hadayan Iqbal

29, PONT STREET,
S.W.

LEGATION DE DANEMARK

Mon cher Ambassadeur.—

Ce matin ma femme et moi avons été à l'Ambassade et nous nous sommes décidés à acheter un sofa, trois fauteuils et une quatrième petite chaise qui — selon notre maître d'hôtel — coûtent juste 100 livres.—

Ci-près je me permets de Vous transmettre la susdite somme en Vous

priant de m'en accuser réception..

C'est trop triste de penser que et Vous et les Wrangel nous quittent.

Nous partons la semaine prochaine mais j'espère avant notre départ pouvoir venir Vous faire mes adieux.

En attendant je Vous prie de croire à l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs et les plus sincères.

Alexandra Lastenskiold

P. S. J'espère, Gouvain envoyer
chercher les meubles demain.

TELEPHONE 3894 MAYFAIR.

39, BERKELEY SQUARE.
LONDON.W.1.

Dec. 10. 20

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My dear Excellency

I am just going away and leaving a card is not sufficient when I want to let you know how much we will all miss you both. You have been a real friend to many of us and a devoted friend to the country through the most difficult time

in its history and you
will long be remembered
with many I say affection
by all you have come in
contact with.

I pray you to take no notice
of this letter for I am
realize that every moment
is precious to you now
but believe that many
will arrive at your departure
and few more than
Your humble servant
Queenborough

Dec 14. 1920

16. Arlington Street.
S.W.1.

My dear Excellency

You will have had so many
letters of sadness, about
Your leaving England &c.
& England — that you must
almost be tired of peoples'
"feelings"! But here comes
a very genuine one from
me about it all —
It seems many years ago
now that you used to
come & hear my daughter

Maryone

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Ling in this house — &

Yr. Kind appreciation of

us all - made my

appreciation of you very

strong — with gratitude.

And yr. dear Ambassadress

has always shown me

& mine, sweet kindness

& welcome -

For all this - we are

for ever mindful —

Change in this case is

very tiresome - & very sad

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16. Arlington Street.
S.W.1.

for us! — but who knows
but you both (with y. present
regrets — W. I hope you have
at having England) are
just longing for y. own
country!!! Especially
in this cold bit of Winter!

Ah dear — I have been
out of London, with an ill
husband since July —

& today am only up for
1 night — So there is no

time to pay my respects—
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as I have to hurry to
get back to lonely husband
— He is nearly well, thank
God.
But you both will often
return — in holiday time
most you? — to England
wh. I know you are fond
of — So 'au revoir'
dear Excellencies
& God bless you both
from Yr. affty Violet Rutland

Dec: 15th

Plas Newydd
Llanfairpwll
Isle of Anglesey

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Dear Excellency — I am
sad to think I shall not
be in London again before
you leave us —
I wanted to see you —
Madame Imperiali so
much again. I am
really quite stunned
by the fact of your
departure — it really is
horrid to think of! We

Shall miss you — you know!
I have seen so little of the
great world of London
during & since the war;
but the very rare times
I have descended into it
& enjoyed that!

Please believe that this
brings you both all my
best wishes & many
happy memories &
hope we'll meet in Italy

Soon

I am, Jour Excellency's

most sincere friend

Marjorie Anglesey

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HOLDENBY HOUSE,
NORTHAMPTON.

Dec 15th 20

My dear Marquis.

I have just re-ceived the P.P.C.'s of the Marquise & yourself. & am writing to thank you for your kindness - & also to tell you both how sorry I am that you are giving up the appointment in London: and also that I had no opportunity of bidding you farewell - & wishing you both a long & prosperous life - wherever you may be. I hope we may meet again somewhere & somehow - and with all kind wishes to you & thanks for your

friendly hospitality in the
East. Believe me

Yours very truly

Annaly

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62. CADOGAN SQUARE.
S.W.

Dec 20th 1920

Dear Marquis Imperiali

Your letter of resignation from the Turf Club was handed to the Committee & the Secretary.

On behalf of the Committee

of which I am Chairman
I would like to express
our Great regret that you
are leaving the County.
I should also like to express
the hope that any time
you may revisit the County
which we may hope may be

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Soon & often you will
avail yourself of the freedom
to use the Club which will
always be open to you

Believe me
Sincerely yours
Wemyss

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Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

Personal

Dec: 21. 1920

My dear Ambassador

I cannot tell you how pleased I was to hear that The King had presented you with the G.C.B. It is so nice

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- possibly because it is so rare - to see real merit rewarded in these days of self-advertisement that the data is exactly in all the greater when it happens. For a modern

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purposes. Your Excellency
is no doubt handicapped
because you are sadly
lacking in advertising
capacity!
May I ask you and
after Excellency to accept

our best wishes for a
merry Xmas and a
happy New Year.

Yours sincerely
D. Lynch

22/12/20. 44r

TELEPHONE No
2724 VICTORIA

41, EATON SQUARE,
S.W.1.

Eccellenza

I must write one line to try & say how very very sorry I am that your sojourn in London has come to an end, & that you & the Marchesa are to leave us so soon. Of your services it wd. be impertinent for me to

Speak. although, as you know,
I have been enabled to
see something of them effect
at the other end. But it
is some Consolation to know
that England will now have
so great & constant friend
in Rome, & I can only
assure you that, in Common
with all those who have received
so much kindness in Italy

I shall always do my humble best to prevent any lack of sympathy from arising between the two countries.

But it is really too sad to think that we shall no longer meet at Pelesden & elsewhere!

With very kind regards to the Ambassadress, & to you both, ottimi auguri pel Natale & per 1921

Believe me, Excellency

Yours very sincerely

Henry Lyggon.

Napoli - 23 X^bre 1920 461

Carissimo Guglielmo,

la bella lettera che
scrivesti a mia sorella
mi riempì gli occhi di
lagrime ed il cuore di
orgoglio e di ammirazione.
Fai onore al nostro sangue
che grazie al cielo è
quello di veri cristiani,
usi a considerare la vita
al suo giusto valore e a
sopportarne le amare contra-
rietà con animo fermo
e dignitoso -
Con gioia abbiamo saputo

l'importanza della mia
nomina. Tutti dicono
che è una cosa molto
molto onorifica, ma
degno compenso ai tuoi
meriti indiscutibili —
E che il Natale di N.S.
ti apporti maggiore pace
e serenità di spirito e
calmi te e la cara Nina
d'immensi doni grazie
spirituali e ... materiali —
Con grande affetto vi
abbraccio entrambi anche
a nome di Antonio e
figli —

Maria

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Ministero delle Colonie

Roma 26 dec.
del 1900

Signor Ambasciatore,

appresi con viva emozione il suo allontanamento da Londra dove tanti eminenti servigi fu reso al nostro Paese, che Vostra Eccellenza ha rappresentato con autorità, dignità e saggezza insuperabili.

Sono però lieto che un altissimo incarico sia venuto subito ad assicurare all'Italia, in questi tempi procellosi, l'opera

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di un così esperto e sagace
nocchiero.
Nel momento in cui Vostra Eccellenza
si accinge a lasciare Londra, desidero
che Le giungano questi miei schietti
pensieri di ammirazione e di devozione;
insieme con gli auguri più fervidi
per il nuovo anno, i quali Le prego
di voler fare apparire, con i miei
rispettosi omaggi, anche alla gentil(is)-
sima Marchesa.
Ella mi abbia, ne Le prego, con ogni
ossequio, suo devotissimo e
riconoscente Eduardo Zaccari.

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St. Moritz,
(ENGADINE)

CARLTON ST. MORITZ

29th Dec 1920.

Your Excellency,

I cannot let the new year be ushered in without sending you my personal greetings for a happy & reposeful year in 1921. Your retirement

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from the Court of St.
James will be a loss
to ours & your beloved
Country. Never was
the relations so sympathetic
& understanding between
Italy & England than
during the term of
your brilliant office
I have dedicated
& short tribute to you

in my "Mayfair" & also
Lord Crewe has sent
me a contribution of
his sixteen. May I
wish you long life &
happiness for you &
yours, & my wife also
has kindly remembrances
desires to join me
in the wishes.

I am
your Excellency
yours very sincerely
H. Kern-Hargreaves

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15, GREEK STREET, W.1.

Telephone 9737 Gerrard.

Londra, 30 Decembre 1920

Eccellenza,

Io non ho parole per ringraziare la E. V. delle squisite espressioni di cui volle onorarmi con la lettera del 15 corrente, la quale rimarra indubbiamente per me il ricordo piu bello e gradito della mia esistenza.

Profondamente commosso dall'onore che la E.V. si degna fare alla mia povera prosa, sono veramente felice di accludere una copia del modesto discorso da me pronunziato al Banchetto di commiato del 6 scorso, come un eco debolissima dell'unanime e spontaneo senso di ammirazione da noi tutti sentito verso la E.V.

Rinnovando con fede ed ossequio profondo i miei voti di felicita e benessere per l'anno novello, prego la E.V. di credermi, come sempre,

Con perfetta osservanza,

Devotissimo:

P. Monghetti

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Londra, _____ *19*___

E triste purtroppo, difficile a dirse, la parola di commiato quando tutto mi spinge a desiderare ardentemente che il festeggiato rimanga con noi.

Ma il vivo rammarico che la partenza del Marchese Imperiali lascia fra noi tutti e certamente lenito dalla certezza che Egli con noi tutti lo divide. Cosi spontanea ed eloquente e la riverente simpatia che da lungo tempo gli ha votato la Colonia di Londra. Che Egli non puo far a meno di sentirsi vivamente commosso stasera, di fronte a questo numeroso convegno, cui tutti sarebbero intervenuti con gioia se a molti non lo avesse reso impossibile l'esigenza del duro lavoro.

Poiche per gli Italiani di Londra, oltre ad essere il vigile e sereno rappresentante del Patrio Governo, il nostro Ambasciatore ha saputo dimostrarsi qualcosa di molto piu tangibile e vicino: l'amico e custode geloso delle nostre aspirazioni ed interessi, quando piu difficili che mai volgevano le sorti e le vicende politiche.

Io non diro dell'opera da lui compiuta cosi brillantemente, con cura affettuosa ed ardire generoso, fra noi, come della fiera e dignitosa saldezza spiegata nei rapporti con altri Governi stranieri per la tutela delle genti nostre la migliore attestazione gli viene per questo del Governo del Re, che lo riserba a piu alti destini, appunto in premio dell'opera sua altamente Italiana.

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Ma il Marchese Imperiali, a differenza di altri Ambasciatori che lo hanno preceduto e lo seguiranno, rimane unico nella memoria pel fatto semplicissimo che egli trascorse al nostro fianco le ore dubbiose ed aspre della grande Guerra, quando anche fra amici ed alleati era ben difficile che lo spirito di campanilismo non facesse velo alla giustizia ed alla solidarieta umana .

Cosi Egli ha veduto partire i nostri valorosi e ne ha visto ritornare, chiudendo nella sue memorie Londinesi la storia cosi intensamente vissuta durante questi ultimi anni di storiche vicende.

Ecco perche, soprattutto, noi vivamente sentiamo il vuoto della sua partenza. Proprio perche ci si era abituati a vedere in lui la personificazione del nostro Governo nell'ora dell'appello e del pericolo, della Vittoria e la Pace. Egli rimane e rimarra quindi per noi tutti un simpaticissima figura di gentiluomo ed amico, che seppe con arte meravigliosa armonizzare la dignita rappresentativa della sua carica col piu squisito senzo di altruismo e democrazia.

In nome di queste doti civili ed umanitarie che ci resero superbi di Lui, a lui ed al quella squisita figura di donna che e la Marchesa Imperiali, sua ardente e mirabile collaboratrice in tutte le opere di beneficenza e di propaganda Italiana, vada dall' Imo del cuore il nostro affettuoso e riverente saluto stasera.

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Londra, _____ *19*___

Dicano Essi, quando ritorneranno in Italia, che questa nostra Colonia ha ben meritato della Madre Patria, traverso il suo martirologio di sangue, denaro ed affetti. Portino alla nostra Bella terra tutta l'espressione del nostro amore e noi non mancheremo di rammentare ai nostri figli e nipoti che l'Ambasciatore che oggi ci lasciava non sara probabilmente giammai cosi interamente ed agevolmente sostituito nel nostro e nel loro cuore.

Io bevo ad entrambi, cpsi piu bei voti che il nostro cuore possa formulare, per una lunga e brillante serie di anni felici.

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Stations Didcot or Culham.

The Wharf,
Sutton Courtney,
Berks.

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Dec 30th 1920

My dear Ambassador,

(Not a hundred
successors with you
of that title) I was
in despair to find that
you had come and
gone the other day -
Not having heard
anything to the contra

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I was expecting you at
5-30 so imagine my
bitter disappointment
when I got back at
5-15 to find that
you had been and left.
I was more than sad.
I feel I owe you a
triple debt — as an
Englishwoman for your
wonderful friendship

and loyalty to England,
as an Asquith for your
wonderful loyalty and
friendship to Victoria
and as myself for your
great sweetness to me.
With my love to the Marchesa

Yours Ever
Elizabeth Bibesco

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GARIBALDI CLUB,
10, LAYSTALL STREET, E.C.1.

31 Dicembre 1920.

A S.E. l'AMBASCIATORE IMPERIALI.

Noi non diciamo addio, ma au revoir!
Pensiamo ai tristi giorni che avemmo
quando nessuno si volse ad aiutar,
quando il mestiere nostro noi perdemmo...

E los pirito latino a galleggiare
di nuovo ci sentimmo, eppoi femmo
cose inaudite a battagliare,
e, DOPO UN DI', di nuovo il riavemmo.

E fu per noi quel di' ITALIANO:
il nostro Ambasciatore ci accolse
e prese le preghiere nella mano.

In un attimo il nodo nostro sciolse:
riavemmo il mestiere ITALIANO
e los sguardo allaPatria noi si volse.

Achille Pompa.

Noi non diciamo addio, ma Au Revoir!

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—The Food Controller, 29-3-19.

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Milk contains	325	calories to lb.		
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Sugar	,,	1823	,,	,,
Eggs	,,	624	,,	,,
Ice Cream	**966**	,,	,,	

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[Opposite Holborn Hall].

31 Dicembre 1920.

Eccellenza,

In occasione dell'Anno Nuovo il mio Comitato rimpiange il fatto che i Destini d'Italia chiamano l'E.V. alla Patria,e che non piu' avremo tra di noi la cara figura nobile e patriottica che tanto fece per additarci la via della vera organizzazione e del successo inaspettato.

Ma,tutti riuniti,a nome loro,ed a nome di tutti i soci,augurano all'E.V. ed alla Marchesa,gentile fiore italiano, i piu' fervidi auguri,non solamente che il 1921 apporti Loro ogni felicita' e gioia ma che sia il primo di tanti anni di pace e di apprezzamento da ogni Paese dove le Loro permanenze hanno sbocciato fiori di patriottismo,italianita'.

Ed io,Eccellenza,mi permetto inviarLe un Sonetto che ho intenzione di pubblicare nel mio Giornale,affinchè i Lettori Italiani ricorderanno cio' che e' stato per noi-e mi permetto di ripetere il semplice titolo espresso da un povero socio-"Imperiali:peccato che se ne va!"

Auguri,benedizioni ed Au Revoir.

Sempre devmo e memore,

Achille Pompa

Segretario.

A Sua Eccellenza
Il Marchese Imperiali,
Regio Ambasciatore d'Italia.

N.B.—A prompt reply to this should be addressed to A. POMPA, *10, Laystall St., E.C.1.*
Non-members should enclose a stamped envelope with letters.

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MARTER PRIORY,
YORK.

Dec. 31. 79

My dear Ambassador.

I cannot tell you how very sorry I was not to have had the pleasure of seeing you before I left London - I had quite intended to come round to say good-bye - but unfortunately the last few days in London I was not at all well - with bad headaches - so did not like to go out -

Personally. I cannot tell you
how very sorry I am to think
that Madame Imperiali & You are
leaving England after so many
years in London. & Speaking for
myself (& I know it is so sorry I
am but Echoing the feelings and
sentiment of all your many and
devoted friends) I cannot tell
you how much you are both to be

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missed & what a blank in the Diplomatic World Your departure will make.

May I express an Earnest and very Sincere hope that wherever you may be, the best of good luck and happiness may always be yours. I feel sure that you both must keenly feel leaving England. When I think & hope and believe you have both had a very happy time. With many & Sincerest

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Kind messages to Madam Imperiali
& wishing for both all good luck
and prosperity in 1921 – Behavior
my dear Ambassador
always f. sincerely
Chestafield

P.S.
I hope before long you may be
returning to see us in the country
if it is Etiquette??

again before you depart, or at least give myself the melancholy satisfaction of appearing at the station to bid you bon voyage. I am leaving town, however, this afternoon & can be present on Sunday only by proxy. But I cannot let you go without an expression of my esteem for you as man & colleague & of the pleasure I have derived from association with you.

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May god luck attend
you both wherever you
maybe & may our
paths cross many
times in future -

Believe me your

Sincerely Yours

John W. Davis

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His Excellency Marquis Imperial Italian Embassy Ldn

May we express to your Excellencies our deep regret at your approaching departure and our best wishes for your happiness during this and future years. Duke and Duchess of Newcastle

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Best wishes for happy new Year and bon voyage to you both

Minna Cassel

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Marquis Imperiale 20 Grosvenor Sq. Ldn

Happy New Year regret we are not in London to say good bye heartiest good wishes to you both Lord and Lady Edmund Talbot

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Italian Ambassador 20 Grosvenor Sque Ldn

Very regretfully but very sincerely we Bid you goodbye and send heartiest

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wishes for Happiness of marchean
and Yourself

Lord and Lady
Reading

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Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

New Year's Day 1932

My dear Ambassador,

I must write you a line to ask your forgiveness if I fail to come to the station tomorrow in order to bid you a sad farewell, but I have promised to take

my younger daughter
into the country before
finally settled on
the date of your departure
My absence will in
no way lessen the
deep feeling of regret

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with which I see you
learning us and I can
only console myself with
the thought and the
hope that the New Year
will not pass without
one meeting I do

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With my humble
duty to Her Excellency
Believe me,
Yrs obeys sincerely
W. Tyrrell

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35 Berkeley Square
W. 1

Mon cher Ambassadeur

Vous voudrez bien me
permettre de Vous exprimer
tous mes regrets que
nous Vous perdons et
du vide que Vous et la
Marquise nous laisserez.
Je suis heureux de
pouvoir y joindre mes

Félicitations à l'occasion
de votre nomination aux
importantes fonctions
de Membre du Conseil
de la Ligue des Nations
et à la haute dignité
de Chevalier de l'Annunziata.
Le rôle du Conseil sera,
j'en suis sûr, toujours
plus étendu et son autorité
grandira à mesure qu'il
combattra les causes de guerres
futures et ne manquera pas

d'explosifs par ci par là
en Europe.
Etant infirme je n'ai pu
vous présenter mes respects
en personne.
Avec mes meilleurs souhaits
pour votre bonheur et mes
respectueux hommages
à l'Ambassadrice je prie
votre Excellence d'agréer les
assurances de ma Considération
la plus distinguée

Reay.

Mon cher Marquis 71 r

Je suis venu pour vous dire
Tout mon regret ainsi que

LE ROI DE PORTUGAL

celui de la Reine d'apprendre
Votre départ! J'aurais été
heureux de vous avoir

R. AMBASCIATA
D'ITALIA

LONDRA

Div.

TELEGRAMMA IN PARTENZA N. 72 r

Indirizzato a

Roma, li 19 ore

Spedito da

(Testo) Personale. Ancora non è giunto comunicato Stefani circa movimento ambasciatori, ma giornali tedeschi riportano notizia giornali italiani. Affido sua antica preziosa amicizia mia preghiera voler adoperarsi affinché prima impressione di codesta stampa siami favorevole. V.E. con cui ebbi continui e concordi scambi d'idee, cagione mie vedute personali circa comunanza di interessi fra Inghilterra ed Italia e necessità nostra politica fiduciosa amicizia con Inghilterra. Ricordo mia azione quale segretario generale per appoggiare da Roma accordi fra Mediterraneo nell'anno 1913 e 14. Inoltre mia pubblicazione del 1918 fu la commissione del dopo guerra dove messo in rilievo comunanza interessi italo-inglesi. Inoltre miei ottimi rapporti con autorità inglesi in Egitto tanto Lord Kitchener quanto quando

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passò per Roma chiese che io
fossi nuovamente destinato Cairo
ciò che fu impossibile essendo io
segretario generale. Finalmente mi è
ottime relazioni con Rodd. Ringrazio
sinceramente.

Da Martino

Copy.

No. T 140/140/322.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

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January 11th, 1921.

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I have the honour to be,

with high consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Sd) Curzon of Kedleston

Signor Gabriele Preziosi,

etc., etc., etc.

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REPORT OF SPEECHES

delivered at a

DINNER

given by

EARL CURZON OF KEDLESTON

(Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs)

to

THE RETIRING FRENCH AMBASSADOR, M. CAMBON,

and

THE RETIRING ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, THE MARCHESE IMPERIALI,

at

1, CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE, S.W.

on

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8th, 1920.

Present:- His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, H.E. The French Ambassador (M. Cambon), H.E. The Italian Ambassador (The Marchese Imperiali), H.E. The Spanish Ambassador (Senor Merry del Val), H.E. The American Ambassador (the Hon. J. Davis), The Archbishop of Canterbury, The Lord Chancellor, The Prime Minister, the Marquess of Salisbury, The Marquess of Crewe, The Marquess of Lincolnshire, The Earl of Athlone, The Earl of Crawford, The Earl of Reading, Viscount Milner, Viscount Haldane, Viscount Burnham, General Vicomte de Panouse, Lord Revelstoke, Lord Sanderson, Lord Stamfordham, Lord Carnock, Mr. Winston Churchill, Sir Rennell Rodd, Sir Eyre Crowe, Sir Godfrey Thomas, and Mr. Cecil Harmsworth.

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I have the honour to be,

with high consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Sd) Curzon of Kedleston

Signor Gabriele Preziosi,

etc., etc., etc.