To Prince Bismarck.

NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

172 Second Avenue, New York

June 5th, 1890

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting
of the New York Historical Society held on the 3rd inst. you
were unanimously elected an Honorary member.

In making this communication I allow myself to
express the hope which I am sure is very widely entertained
that in your present comparative exemption from public cares,
some portion at least of that genius which has been employed
with such incomparable distinction and success in making
history will now be consecrated to its Muse and that you will
find it convenient to become what no one else can be, your own
interpreter to posterity. This seems to be due to the great
nation of which you are the most illustrious representative and
to posterity which can hope in no other way, to profit in an
equal degree by the impressive lessons of your marvellously
eventful life.

I am Sir with great respect
Your very obedient and very humble servant
(Signed) JOHN BIGELOW

Foreign Corresponding Secry.

Prince Otto Edward Leopold Bismarck-Schönhausen.

New-York Historical Society.

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LIBRARY, 170 *Second Avenue, Corner of* 11th *Street,*

NEW-YORK, *June 4th. 1890.*

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you, that at a meeting of the NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, held at the Library, on Tuesday, the *Third* instant, you were unanimously elected an *Honorary* Member, upon the nomination of

The Foreign Corresponding Secretary

The objects of the Society commend themselves to the attention of every student of history, and your efficient aid is invoked in the effort to collect whatever may tend to throw light upon the Past, as well as to preserve authentic memorials of the Present, whether in the form of original manuscripts, printed publications, rare and curious relics, or original essays and papers of every description, which may be useful in illustrating the history of America.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Foreign Corresponding Secretary.

Prince Otto Edward Leopold Bismarck- Schönhausen