

February 13th, 1912.

Hon. Marchese Raffaele Cappelli,
President International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

Dear Mr. President:

I have pleasure in informing you, that with the permission of the Hon. the Secretary of State, I have accepted an invitation to attend the sessions of the Southern Commercial Congress, at Nashville, Tenn., on April 8, 9, and 10. I am also to attend the sessions of a Select Committee of representatives from the various sections of the United States, called under the auspices of the Southern Commercial Congress for the consideration of the European systems of cooperative agricultural credit, with a view to arriving at a plan suited to the needs of the American people.

It is gratifying to note that this invitation comes as a result of the publications on this subject by the International Institute of Agriculture.

His Excellency, the American Ambassador has notified me that he will appoint a temporary representative to take my place on the Permanent Committee during my absence.

I leave Rome for the United States on March 7th, and expect to return early in May.

With high esteem, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,