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Le Secrétaire d'Etat des Affaires étrangères de Grande-Bretagne, Earl of Granville, au Président de la Confédération, J. Dubs

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London, July 29th 1870

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the letter¹ which you addressed to me on the 18th instand informing me, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Council, that it is the intention of the Swiss Confederation to preserve an attitude of strict neutrality during the present state of war which has arisen between His Majesty the Emperor of the French and the King of Prussia, as long as such neutrality is respected by other Powers, and also referring to the right of occupation of Savoy by the Federal Government in case of war.

In thanking you for this communication I have the honour to request that you will express to the Federal Government the satisfaction with which Her Majesty's Government have learnt their intention to preserve a neutral attitude during the war.

1. Cf. n° 252.

