



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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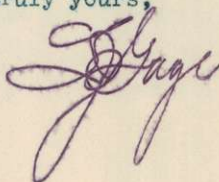
Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 8th of January. When our mutual friend Mr. Meysenburg was here he spoke of you, and of the piracy practiced by American publishers towards your musical compositions. I have long been an admirer of your gifts and talents and musical compositions. Mr. Meysenburg intimated that you contemplated a visit to this country. Should you come it would be a great pleasure for me to meet you.

Concerning the looseness of our laws which permits the practice of which you have a right to complain, there is at present little hope of any radical cure. An amendment of the copyright laws by the Congress of the United States is the only avenue through which that end can be reached. The present session of Congress is a short one and all subjects not of immediate national importance are relegated to the future for consideration. The subject of amended copyright I know is engaging the minds of the people, and I shall be very glad at all times and all places to do what I may

to secure here to the author the proper benefit of
his genius and ability.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Grieg', written in a cursive style.

Mr. Eduard Grieg,
Victoria Hotel,
Christiana, Norway.