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Mr. Snowden (P.1650) "That statement is incorrect.

The proposal of Mr. Bennett was discussed at the first meeting of the heads of delegations. It was discussed again two or three days later. It did not take the Government long to make up their minds and to come to a conclusion as to what their attitude must be in regard to Mr. Bennett's proposal, because what was Mr. Bennett's proposal? . . . . . I took the trouble to turn up Murray's Dictionary, and this is what it says about that word:

'This is a word very much in vogue with people of taste and fashion. It is indeed a blackguard sound, made use of by most people of distinction. It is a fine make-weight in conversation, and some great men deceive themselves so egregiously as to think they mean something by it.'

.....There was no ambiguity about Mr. Bennett's proposal except as to what he exactly meant by 10 per cent., and it is clear from what the right hon. Gentleman said just now that in that respect he does not yet understand Mr. Bennett's proposal. He said it was that you should raise the foreign tariff from 10 to ~~10~~ thirteen and one-third per cent. That was not Mr. Bennett's proposal. Mr. Bennett's proposal was this: 'I am not going to reduce the tariff against the United Kingdom, but I will raise the tariff against the foreigner by 10 per cent. of the present rate.' That means that if there were a duty of 30 per cent. against the foreigner now, the duty