

he would go to Canada, and urge the Canadian Government to overrule me. The facts are that the American Press had been attacking me on the ground that I was so exegant in my demands on behalf of Canada, that there was no hope of a treaty. After many long and protracted discussions we despaired of obtaining a satisfactory result, and we were negotiating for the best ground to break up on, when an idea occurred to me, which I communicated to Mr Chamberlain. I advised him to ask for a private interview with Mr Bayard, and to tell him that England was very anxious to obtain a Treaty and that if he would agree to certain points which we considered necessary, that he would go to Ottawa, and endeavour to obtain the assent of the Canadian Government thereto and thus avert the breaking up of the negotiations. That distinguished statesman carried out the proposals in a masterly manner, and at Mr Bayard's request he saw the President. On the same day he gave me a *Preis* of what he had done commencing "Memo made at the suite of confidential interviews with President and Mr Bayard. Sir Charles Tupper having suggested that I should see Mr Bayard confidentially &c, which I immediately sent to Sir John A. Macdonald in a letter in which I said "If there is any faith in man, it looks as if we were to have a fair measure of success."

I have only to add that Sir Willoughby Maycock is also incorrect in stating that the Dominion Government "not without reluctance agreed to the concessions they were asked to make" as the Government were entirely satisfied with the proposal.

Yours faithfully,
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