

thereof, and shall appoint and employ clerks or other persons to assist them in the transaction of the business which may come before them.

The Secretary shall be appointed by Her Britannic Majesty's Representative at Washington, and by the Secretary of State of the United States, jointly.

Each Government shall pay the salaries of its own Commissioners. All other expenses, and the contingent expenses of the Commission, including the salary of the Secretary, shall be defrayed in moieties by the two Parties.

ARTICLE VII.

The present Convention shall be ratified by Her Britannic Majesty and by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as may be within twelve months from the date hereof.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at London, the day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-

No. 25.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Thornton.

Sir, *Foreign Office, December 26, 1868.*
IN a telegram from Mr. Seward dated the 1st of December, which was communicated by Mr. Johnson to my predecessor, and in a despatch from him dated the 27th of November, which was communicated by him to myself, Mr. Seward authorized Mr. Johnson, if the amendments proposed by the United States' Government in the Claims Convention were accepted by the Government of Her Majesty, to change the Protocol of the 10th of November, respecting the Island of San Juan, into a Convention, and to sign the same.

In anticipation of the Government of the United States accepting the Claims Convention in the amended shape in which it is sent to you by this mail, and authorizing Mr. Johnson to sign it, I have to instruct you to recall to Mr. Seward's recollection the contingent authority he had previously given to Mr. Johnson to convert the San Juan Protocol into a Convention, and sign it, and suggest that Mr. Johnson should be again specifically authorized by telegraph to do so.

Mr. Johnson will probably have transmitted to Mr. Seward the San Juan Protocol adapted to the form of a Convention, and I inclose copies thereof for your information.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 26.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Thornton.

Sir, *Foreign Office, January 16, 1869.*
HER Majesty's Government having accepted the alterations proposed by Mr. Seward in the Convention for the settlement of British and American claims, as stated in your telegraphic despatch of the 11th instant, I signed with Mr. Johnson that Convention on the 14th instant, as well as a Convention for referring to arbitration the disputed line of water-boundary under the Treaty of 1846.

Copies of these Conventions are inclosed.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.