

both countries, and in the way least likely to create the jealousy which was to be apprehended from other countries.

I assumed that the word "open" would disappear from the Rule respecting arms; and stated that the propositions communicated by the Arbitrators at Geneva could not be passed by.

In my opinion, however, it was not desirable to make any comment upon those propositions further than that both Governments should, in submitting the Rules, decline to admit any construction put on them by others.

It also appeared desirable, with regard to the maritime Powers, to state, in submitting the Three Rules for their acceptance, that the Rules embody what, according to recent American statements of the view entertained in the United States, was international law before they were made, and that, although Great Britain did not accede to this proposition, yet we held them to express what we had thought it fit to embody in our own municipal law, and to endeavour to carry into effect through the action of that law, at a time when the Rules did not exist. It would remain for inference, that they do not constitute the innovation which some other Powers might think there was to be found in them.

General Scheñck said that, while he was not instructed or authorized to discuss or determine the form of any identic note which might be agreed on for presenting the Three Rules to the other Powers, yet it seemed to him that they ought to be submitted, and he thought his Government would be inclined to submit them pure and simple without gloss or comment by the two Governments, and without accepting or insisting on any construction or interpretation of them given by others.

I did not in present circumstances think it desirable to prolong the conversation.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) GRANVILLE.

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