

a copy of a despatch from Mr. Fish with a copy of the Resolution of the Senate, declining to ratify the Convention signed between the United States and this country on January 14, providing for the adjustment of all outstanding claims of citizens and subjects of the two countries, a copy of which was inclosed in my despatch No. 16 of January 16.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 57.

Mr. Thornton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received May 10.)

(Extract.)

Washington, April 26, 1869.

I HAVE the honour to inform your Lordship that the Convention lately signed relative to the Island of San Juan has been brought before the Senate, and a long speech, recommending that it should not be approved, was made by Mr. Garrett Davis, a Senator from Kentucky. The principal argument used was, that the right of the United States to the possession of the island was so extremely clear that the question was not one which ought to be submitted to arbitration. It was, however, finally decided by the Senate that the further consideration of the Convention should be deferred until the next session of that body, which will open in December.

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