

the Commission as its agent, to represent it generally in all matters connected with the Commission."

The period of three months specified in the Article last above quoted having elapsed, it has become necessary to take steps for the appointment of the third Commissioner, in accordance with its provisions; and with this view, an application has already been addressed to His Imperial and Royal Majesty's Minister of Foreign Affairs at Vienna, that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to instruct your Excellency to undertake the duty of selecting some gentleman properly qualified to act as third Commissioner, to which His Majesty has been pleased to give his assent. I have therefore the honour, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, to request your Excellency to undertake this duty and to select some person properly qualified to act in that capacity.

In consideration of the fact that the proceedings of the Commission will be conducted in the English language, and that the evidence, documents, and testimony will also be in English, it appears to Her Majesty's Government to be a necessary qualification that the third Commissioner should possess an accurate knowledge of that language.

The Commissioner appointed by Her Britannic Majesty is Sir Alexander T. Galt, K.C.B., &c., &c.; and the Commissioner appointed by the President of the United States is the Honourable Ensign H. Kellogg.

The arrangements for the composition of the Commission being otherwise complete, I have the honour to suggest that the third Commissioner should be so named by your Excellency as soon as shall be convenient.

A similar request will be preferred to you on behalf of the Government of the United States.

I have, &c.
(Signed) DERBY.

No. 8.

Count Beust to the Earl of Derby.—(Received March 2.)

M. le Comte, *Belgrave Square, le 2 Mars, 1877.*

EN me référant à la note que votre Excellence a bien voulu m'adresser à la date du 1^{er} du courant, j'ai l'honneur de l'informer qu'en vertu de l'Article XXIII du Traité du 8 Mai, 1871, je viens de nommer M. Delfosse, Ministre de Sa Majesté le Roi des Belges à Washington, troisième Commissaire pour la Commission siégeant à Halifax. J'ai encore l'honneur d'ajouter, que je n'ai pas manqué de porter cette nomination à la connaissance des Ministres des Etats Unis et de Belgique à Londres.

Veuillez, &c.
(Signé) BEUST.

(Translation.)

M. le Comte, *Belgrave Square, March 2, 1877.*

WITH reference to the note which your Excellency was good enough to address me on the 1st instant, I have the honour to inform you that in virtue of the XXIIIrd Article of the Treaty of the 8th May, 1871, I have just named M. Delfosse, the Belgian Minister at Washington, the third Commissioner to the Commission to sit at Halifax. I have likewise the honour to add that I have not failed to bring this nomination to the knowledge of the Ministers of the United States and of Belgium in London.

Receive, &c.
(Signed) BEUST.