

Mr. Fish, in the last paragraph of his despatch, says that "the President, however, is not without hope that upon a further consideration by the two Governments of the questions involved in the negotiation, they may still be found to be susceptible of an amicable and satisfactory adjustment."

In the hope thus expressed by the President, I have the honour to state to you that Her Majesty's Government cordially concur. During your residence in this country you must have had abundant evidence that it was the desire of the Government and people of England that all differences between the two countries should be honourably settled, and that their relations with the United States should be of a most friendly character.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 54.

*The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Reverdy Johnson.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, May 4, 1869.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, inclosing a copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State of the United States, dated the 19th of April, with a Resolution of the same dated the 13th of that month, stating "that in reply to the Message of the President of the United States of the 15th of January, 1869, transmitting a Protocol for a Convention between the United States and Great Britain, regulating the citizenship of persons who emigrate to and from the two countries, the Senate advise and consent to the negotiation of a Convention between the two Powers based on the Protocol above-mentioned."

Mr. Fish instructs you to state to me "that the Government of the United States stand ready, whenever it shall be the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government, to conclude a Convention on that basis."

I have the honour to state to you, in reply, that, notwithstanding the great pressure of business in Parliament, Her Majesty's Government propose, if possible, during the present session, to submit to Parliament a Bill which, if passed into law, will admit of their negotiating and concluding with the Government of the United States a Convention on this important matter.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 55.

*The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Thornton.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, May 5, 1869.*

I TRANSMIT to you herewith, for your information, a copy of a note I have addressed to Mr. Reverdy Johnson\* in reply to one I received from him, forwarding to me a copy of a despatch from Mr. Fish, with a copy of the Resolution of the Senate ratifying the Protocol on Naturalization signed by Lord Stanley and Mr. Reverdy Johnson on the 9th of October last, a copy of which was sent to you in Lord Stanley's despatch of the same date.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 56.

*The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Thornton.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, May 5, 1869.*

I TRANSMIT to you herewith, for your information, a copy of a note I have addressed to Mr. Reverdy Johnson,† in reply to one I received from him, inclosing

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