

REPLY.

The United States on the twelfth of December last presented their Memorial on the Canal de Haro as the boundary line of the United States of America to the Imperial Arbitrator, and to the Representative of Her Britannic Majesty's government at Berlin. To the Case of the government of Her Britannic Majesty, likewise submitted at that time, they now offer their reply. A formal answer to every statement in the British Case to which they take exception, would require a wearisome analysis of almost every one of its pages. They hold it sufficient, to point out a few of the allegations which they regard as erroneous; to throw light upon the argument on which the British principally rest their Case; to establish the consistency of the American government by tracing the controversy through all its changes to its present form; and, lastly, to apply to the interpretation of the treaty some of the principles which Her Britannic Majesty's government itself has invoked.

I.

The argument of Her Britannic Majesty's government has kept in the background the clear words of the treaty describing the boundary, and has made no attempt to bring