

## CLOSING REMARKS.

Before closing these remarks, I will ask your Honor's permission to add a few words in reference to an incident that has been much discussed, and concerning which, in justice to my two honorable colleagues, I think it my duty to give some explanation.

When I was laid aside, last December, by what threatened to be a long illness, I was very uneasy as to the complications which might be caused by a lengthy delay in the production of the Commissioners' report.

I then suggested to my colleagues the idea of an *interim* report, and asked them to prepare a draft which we should afterwards discuss together. My colleagues received this proposition favorably, and prepared a draft which they submitted to me.

However, in the meanwhile I had reflected on the gravity of the step I had thus advised, and I confess to have been alarmed.

I then told my colleagues that I must abandon the idea of this *interim* report, and I gave them the reasons, which I afterwards expressed to your Honor in my letter of the 14th December.

Moreover, after having seen the draft they had prepared, I found that it was impossible for me to concur in it.

I was, besides, too ill to discuss the draft, and my colleagues themselves would on no account have wished me to incur such fatigue in my weak condition.

They then gave up the idea of obtaining my concurrence, and under these circumstances I judged it proper to write and explain my reasons to your Honor.

The whole humbly submitted.

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*President of the Commission.*

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