

as Arbitrator, to the respective Governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and the settlement therein proposed was cordially and promptly accepted, by despatches, couched in very gratifying terms from Pedro Perez-Zaledon, on behalf of Costa Rica, and from H. Juzman, on behalf of Nicaragua.

## PORTUGAL AND MOROCCO

On 8th April, 1888, agreed to refer their differences to the Arbitration of France.

## UNITED STATES AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

On the 24th May, 1888, an Act was passed in Congress, and approved by the President of the United States, which was as follows :—

“To invite the several Governments of the Republics of Central America, also Mexico, Hayti, San Domingo, and the Emperor of Brazil, to join the United States in a Conference, to be held at Washington, at such time as the President may deem proper in the year 1889, for the purpose of discussing and recommending for adoption to their respective Governments some plan of Arbitration for the settlement of disagreements and disputes that may hereafter arise between them, and for considering questions relating to the improvement of business intercourse and means of direct commerce between the said countries, and to encourage such reciprocal commercial relations as will be beneficial to all, and secure more extensive markets for the productions of each of the said countries.”

In accordance with this resolution, the President appointed Ten Commissioners of the United States, and fixed the date of the Conference for November, 1889.

The response on the part of the Central and South American States was prompt and cordial, and thirty-five representatives were appointed to the Conference, which assembled at Washington, 18th November, 1888.

On 28th April, 1890, the representatives of ten of the Governments signed a Treaty, agreeing to submit to Arbitration disputes arising between them.

## DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES.

On the 6th December, 1888, a Convention was signed between the United States and Denmark, appointing Sir A. Rumbold, the British Minister at Athens, Arbitrator, upon the claim of the former against the latter Government, for compensation, on account of the seizure and detention by the Danish authorities on the Island of