

as the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the subject of naturalization and allegiance has not yet reported. I did not, however, discourage it.

I am, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY.

No. 11.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Thornton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, October 9, 1868.

SINCE my despatch of the 19th ultimo I have been in communication with Mr. Reverdy Johnson on the subject of the proposal which he had made for the conclusion of a Treaty of Naturalization, generally similar to those between the United States and other Powers, but conditional on the passing by Parliament of an Act to carry out its provisions.

Her Majesty's Government, although anxious, with a view to the promotion of good relations between the two countries, that this question, which has so long been discussed between them, should be set at rest, have found themselves unable to assent to the conclusion of a formal Convention, as originally proposed by Mr. Johnson.

They have, however, considered that they might properly place on record their desire to come to an agreement with the United States on this subject; and have, accordingly, in communication with the proper Law Advisers of the Crown, framed a Protocol which, having been previously submitted, unofficially, to Mr. Reverdy Johnson, was signed by that gentleman with me this morning.

A copy of this Protocol is inclosed. You will observe that it is not to take effect until provision can be made by Parliament, on the Report of the Royal Commission, for such a revision of the existing laws as the adoption of the principles embodied in it involves.

I am, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY.

Inclosure in No. 11.

PROTOCGL showing the Principles agreed upon by the British and the United States' Governments on the question of Naturalization.—Signed at London, October 9, 1868.

THE Undersigned, Edward Henry Lord Stanley of Bickerstaffe, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Reverdy Johnson, Esquire, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America, being respectively authorized and empowered to place on record the desire of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the President of the United States of America to regulate the citizenship of British subjects who have emigrated or who may emigrate from the British dominions to the United States of America, and of citizens of the United States of America who have emigrated or who may emigrate to the British dominions, have agreed upon the following Protocol:—

I. Such British subjects as aforesaid who have become, or shall become, and are naturalized according to law within the United States of America as citizens thereof, shall, subject to the provisions of Articles II and IV, be held by Great Britain to be in all respects and for all purposes American citizens, and shall be treated as such by Great Britain.

Reciprocally, such citizens as aforesaid of the United States who have become, or shall become, and are naturalized according to law within the British dominions as British subjects, shall, subject to the provisions of Articles II and IV, be held by the United States to be in all respects and for all purposes British subjects, and shall be treated as such by the United States.

II. Such British subjects as aforesaid who have become and are naturalized as citizens within the United States, and such United States' citizens as aforesaid who have become and are naturalized within the British dominions as British subjects, shall be at liberty to renounce their naturalization and to resume their respective