

At the close of the conference of the 14th of March the British Commissioners reserved several questions for the consideration of their Government.

NOTE.—This Protocol contains the only statement with respect to the "indirect losses" made by the American Commissioners. (See also No. X, extract of Marquis of Ripon's speech.) It was officially published, both in Great Britain and in the United States, nearly a year before the meeting of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, of May 17, 1872, having been laid before both Houses of Parliament about the 3d June, 1871, and printed in British Parliamentary Papers, North America, No. 3, 1871, which was received at the Department of State June 20, 1871.

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No. 10.

*Extract from a speech of the Marquis of Ripon, in the House of Lords, June 4, 1872; taken from the London Times of June 5, 1872.*

MY LORDS: There seems to have got abroad an opinion that Her Majesty's Commissioners at Washington, last year, relied on what has been described as a secret understanding subsisting between them and the American Commissioners, that these indirect claims would not be brought forward. I should entirely agree with an opinion which I believe was expressed a day or two ago by a noble and learned lord, who generally sits behind me, (Lord Westbury,) that if Her Majesty's Commissioners had been induced, by any such understanding, to employ language which, in their judgment, admitted these claims, they would be liable to just and severe blame. But I distinctly deny, on the part of those who were engaged in these negotiations, that that was the case. We may have failed or we may have succeeded in employing language which excludes these claims. I will not detain your lordships now by entering into any elaborate argument on that subject, so fully stated in the correspondence on the table; but, whether we failed or whether we succeeded, we were not induced to employ language which we considered would admit those claims by any consideration of that kind, and which, in this correspondence, is described as a waiver. On the 8th of March, as referred to in the Protocol, these claims were mentioned by the United States Commissioners—mentioned in a manner which, in substance, is described in that Protocol on your lordships' table; and throughout the course of the subsequent negotiations these claims were not again brought forward.

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No. 11.

*Letter of Sir Stafford Northcote to Earl Derby, June 5, 1872, read in the House of Lords June 6; taken from the report of proceedings in the House of Lords in the London Times of June 7.*

THE TREATY OF WASHINGTON.

THE EARL OF DERBY: My Lords, before the order of the day is called on, I may be allowed to trespass on your lordships' attention for one moment. I have received, since the debate of the night before