

by the one Government to the other, as the case may be, within twelve months after the date of the decision, without interest.

ARTICLE X.

The High Contracting Parties engage to consider the result of the proceedings of this Commission as a full and final settlement of every claim upon either Government arising out of any transaction of a date prior to the exchange of the ratifications of the present Convention; and further engage that every such claim, whether or not the same may have been presented to the notice of, made, preferred, or laid before the said Commission, shall, from and after the conclusion of the proceedings of the said Commission, be considered and treated as finally settled and barred.

ARTICLE XI.

The Commissioners shall keep an accurate record and correct minutes or notes of all their proceedings, with the dates thereof, and shall appoint and employ clerks or other persons to assist them in the transaction of the business which may come before them.

The Secretary shall be appointed by the Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Her Britannic Majesty, and by the Representative of the United States in London, jointly.

Each Government shall pay the salaries of its own Commissioners. All other expenses, and the contingent expenses of the Commission, including the salary of the Secretary, shall be defrayed in moieties by the two Parties.

ARTICLE XII.

The present Convention shall be ratified by Her Britannic Majesty and by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as may be within twelve months from the date hereof.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at London, the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

(L.S.) STANLEY.
(L.S.) REVERDY JOHNSON.

No. 16.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Thornton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, November 10, 1868.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 17th ultimo, I transmit, for your information, a copy of a Protocol which I have this day signed with Mr. Reverdy Johnson, recording the agreement of Her Majesty's Government and that of the United States to refer the disputed question of boundary to the decision of the President of the Swiss Confederation.

I am, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY.

Inclosure in No. 16.

Protocol recording the Agreement of Her Majesty's Government and the United States to refer the disputed Question of Boundary to the decision of the President of the Swiss Confederation.

THE Undersigned, Edward Henry Lord Stanley, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Reverdy Johnson, Esquire, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, being respectively authorized and empowered by their Governments, hereby declare that the said Governments agree to refer the disputed question of boundary which