

Inclosure 4 in No. 20.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Reverdy Johnson.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Foreign Office, November 4, 1868.

I HAVE been in consultation with some of my colleagues respecting the proposal for referring the British and American claims to arbitration, and some verbal alterations have been suggested in the Memorandum drawn up at our Conference yesterday.

I inclose a copy of the Memorandum, with the revisions marked in red ink, and shall be obliged by your letting me know whether you see any objection to them. They are simply introduced for the sake of greater clearness.

Believe me, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY.

Inclosure 5 in No. 20.

Mr. Reverdy Johnson to Lord Stanley.

*Legation of the United States, London,
December 5, 1868.*

My dear Lord Stanley,

I HAVE just received your note of last evening, with its inclosure, and hasten to say that I have no objection to the alterations suggested in the latter. I would prefer, however, that the words *pro hac vice* inserted in the IIIrd Article should be omitted. I do not see that they affect the sense of the Article at all, but others may suppose that they do; and I may be asked for an explanation, which would lead to delay. I would suggest, therefore, that instead of those words we substitute "as to such claims." It is important, I think, that the Convention be signed at the earliest moment; and I will thank your Lordship to let me know when you can see me on the subject, as there are some matters of detail yet to be agreed upon.

With sincere regard, &c.
(Signed) REVERDY JOHNSON.

Inclosure 6 in No. 20.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Reverdy Johnson.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Foreign Office, November 6, 1868.

I SHALL be most happy to see you here on Monday at 12. I see no objection to the words *pro hac vice* being omitted, and "as to such claims" substituted.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) STANLEY.

Inclosure 7 in No. 20.

Lord Stanley to Mr. Reverdy Johnson.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Foreign Office, November 6, 1868.

IN order to expedite matters, I am having the Memorandum as to the settlement of the claims put into formal shape, so that any further addition which may be adopted at our next meeting, may be inserted with the least possible delay.

For this purpose I should be glad to know whether you would be ready to sign an actual Convention on the subject, or whether you would still prefer to adhere to the form of a Protocol, similar to those in which the results of our former negotiations on the Naturalization and San Juan questions have been recorded.

I make the inquiry, as you use the word "Convention" in your note of yesterday.

Believe me, &c.
(Signed) STANLEY.