

No. 11.

Protocol of the Eighth Conference between the American and British Plenipotentiaries, held at Whitehall, on the 19th of October, 1818.

PRESENT—Mr. Gallatin,
Mr. Rush,
Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Goulburn.

The protocols of the two preceding Conferences were agreed to and signed.

The several articles upon the fisheries; the boundary; the territory westward of the Stoney Mountains; the captured slaves; and the renewal of the existing commercial convention, were agreed to.

The American Plenipotentiaries expressed their regret that the rejection of several of the amendments which they had offered to the projet on impressment, and which they deemed essential, compelled them to decline acceding to that projet.

The great alterations made by the British Plenipotentiaries to the articles proposed by the American Plenipotentiaries on maritime rights, also induced the latter to think, that, although a season of peace appeared the most favorable time for arranging such subjects, it would be inexpedient to discuss them any further, more especially as it had never been the intention of the American Plenipotentiaries to adopt, or propose, any articles upon maritime subjects, without an adjustment of that on impressment.

The British Plenipotentiaries brought forward an article, as annexed, (F,) upon the subject of the direct intercourse between the West Indies and the United States of America; but they stated that they could not consent to sign any article upon that subject, unless the American Plenipotentiaries were prepared at the same time to accede to articles which should put the intercourse between Bermuda and the United States, as well as between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the United States, upon the footing contemplated in the article originally offered by the British Government, with respect to Bermuda; and in that respecting Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, brought forward at a former conference by the British Plenipotentiaries.

The American Plenipotentiaries declared that their instructions did not authorize them to sign the West India article, as proposed by the British Plenipotentiaries, but agreed to take the whole question, ad referendum, to their Government.

It was agreed to meet on Friday, the 20th instant.

ALBERT GALLATIN,
RICHARD RUSH,
FREDERICK JOHN ROBINSON,
HENRY GOULBURN.

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It is agreed that the vessels of the United States shall have liberty to import from *[any of the ports of the United States to which

* The words within the brackets were not inserted, as is supposed by an accidental omission, in the copy handed in by the British Plenipotentiaries.