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69	Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Blaine...	Dec. 8	States that his Government does not fear that the powers will reject the regulations, but that they will refuse to allow the arrest of their ships which may engage in sealing in violation of the regulations. It is probable that during the close season sealing will go on under other flags.	77
	Mr. Blaine to Sir J. Pauncefote...	Dec. 10	States, in reply to note of 8th instant, that since the dispute began not a vessel of France or Germany has ever engaged in sealing; it would be unprofitable for them to sail 20,000 miles to do so. If we wait until they agree that their ships may be searched the last seal will have been taken. Russia is regarded as an ally and no American country will loan its flag. To stop now for outside nations is to indefinitely postpone the whole question. The President adheres to his ground, that we must have the arbitration as already signed.	77
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71	Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Blaine...	Dec. 11	States that, in view of the strong opinion of the President that the danger apprehended by Lord Salisbury is too remote to justify delay, the British Government will not press the point, explained in his note of the 8th instant, but it reserves the right of raising it when the question of framing the regulations comes before the arbitrators. It is understood that they may attach such conditions to them as they may "a priori" judge to be necessary and just to the two powers. States that he is authorized to sign the text of the seven articles and of the joint commission article. Will call at Department at any time appointed.	78
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74	Mr. Blaine to Sir J. Pauncefote...	Dec. 14	In reply to note of 11th instant, states that President objects to Lord Salisbury's making any reservation at all, and can not yield to him the right to appeal to the arbitrators to decide any point not embraced in the articles; to claim this right is to entirely change the arbitration. The President claims the right to have the seven points arbitrated. The matters to be arbitrated must be distinctly understood before the arbitrators are chosen. Is prepared to sign the articles without any reservation whatever, and will be glad to have him call at the Department on the 16th, at 11 a. m.	78
	Sir J. Pauncefote to Mr. Blaine...	Dec. 15	Will transmit note of 14th instant to his Government. Pending further instructions, it is not in his power to proceed to the signature of the articles.	79
75	Same to same.....	Dec. 17	States in reply to note of 14th instant that Lord Salisbury states that owing to the difficulties of telegraphic communication he has been misunderstood, and will defer discussion as to the course to be followed in case the regulations are evaded by a change of flag. States that no reservation was embodied in his note of the 11th instant, and agrees with the President that no point should be submitted to the arbitrators not embraced in the agreement. Is ready to sign the articles.	79
	Same to same.....	Dec. 30	Declines to have the number of the arbitrators reduced from seven to five, but prefers that each country should be represented by two and the other three appointed by foreign governments.	80
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76	Same to same.....	Jan. 16	States that Messrs. Baden-Powell and Dawson will arrive on the 29th.	80
	Same to same.....	Jan. 21	His government accepts that the arbitrators shall be chosen by France, Italy, and Sweden.	81
	Same to same.....	Jan. 30	Asks whether Department is prepared to proceed at once to the preparation and signature of the formal arbitration convention and Joint Commission.	81
	Mr. Blaine to Sir J. Pauncefote...	Feb. 4	Inclosing arbitration convention and Joint Commission agreement and states that he is ready to proceed at once to the signature of the convention.	81