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### THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTS THE PROPOSITION OF A JOINT COM- MISSION.

From the New York Sun February  
the 10th.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Conflicting  
statements have from time to time been  
recently made concerning the questions  
of the fisheries and the Alabama claims.  
The real condition of the case was not  
known outside of official circles until  
to-day, when the President submitted  
to the Senate a confidential message  
concerning recent correspondence in  
relation to them, and nominating Sec-  
retary Fish, Minister Schenck, Judge  
Nelson, Ex-Attorney General Hoar,  
and Senator Williams as Commission-  
ers on the part of the United States, to  
act in conjunction with a like Commis-  
sion on the part of Great Britain for  
purposes mentioned in the correspond-  
ence.

The executive authorities knew early  
this morning that the Queen of Eng-  
land would state in her speech to Par-  
liament that she had engaged in amic-  
able communication with the President  
of the United States, and suggested the  
appointment of a joint Commission.  
The Private Secretary of the President  
delivered the latter's message and en-  
closures to the Senate at half-past two  
o'clock this afternoon, when a motion  
was made by Senator Morton, and im-  
mediately agreed to, that the Senate  
proceed to the consideration of execu-  
tive business.

The documents having been read,  
Senator Sumner opposed the immediate  
confirmation of the Commissioners. He  
thought it was better to let the subject  
go over until the documents should be  
printed, and the Senate have time for  
their examination. In this Senator  
Davis concurred.

Senator Conkling replied to Mr.  
Sumner and Mr. Morton, and also  
urged immediate confirmation. The  
debate took a wide range, involving  
diplomatic relations, the powers of the  
President, and the merits of the plan  
proposed for the adjustment of the  
pending questions between the two  
countries.

The Senate adjourned, after a session  
of two hours and a half, without coming  
to a conclusion, but will resume the  
subject to-morrow. The following is  
the correspondence accompanying the  
President's message:

SIR EDWARD THORNTON TO MR. FISH.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26, 1871.

SIR: In compliance with an instruc-  
tion received from Earl Granville, I  
have the honor to state that Her Ma-  
jesty's Government deem it of impor-  
tance to the good relations which they  
are ever anxious should subsist and be  
strengthened between the United States  
and Great Britain, that a friendly and  
complete understanding should be come  
to between the two Governments as to  
the extent of the rights which belong  
to the citizens of the United States and  
Her Majesty's subjects respectively,  
with reference to the fisheries on the  
coast of Her Majesty's possessions in  
North America, and as to any other  
questions between them which affect  
the relations of the United States to-  
ward those possessions.

As the consideration of these matters  
would, however, involve investigations  
of a somewhat complicated nature, and  
as it is very desirable that they should  
be thoroughly examined, I am directed  
by Lord Granville to propose to the  
Government of the United States

THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT HIGH  
COMMISSION,

which shall be composed of members  
to be named by each Government. It  
shall hold its sessions at Washington,

and shall treat of and discuss the mode  
of settling the different questions which  
have arisen out of the fisheries, as well  
as those which affect the relations of  
the United States towards Her Majes-  
ty's possessions in North America.

I am confident that this proposal  
will be met by your Government in the  
same cordial spirit of friendship which  
has induced her Majesty's Government  
to tender it; and I cannot doubt but  
that in that case, the result will not fail  
to contribute to the maintenance of the  
good relations between the two coun-  
tries which I am convinced the Govern-  
ment of the United States, and that of  
Her Majesty, equally have at heart.

I have the honor to be, with the  
highest consideration, Sir, your most  
obedient, humble servant,  
EDWARD THORNTON.

THE HON. HAMILTON FISH, &c., &c.

MR. FISH TO SIR EDWARD THORNTON.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON,  
Jan. 30, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknow-  
ledge the receipt of your note of Jan.  
26, in which you inform me that, in  
compliance with instructions from Earl  
Granville, that Her Majesty's Govern-  
ment deems it of importance to the good  
relations which it is ever anxious  
should subsist and be strengthened be-  
tween the United States and Great  
Britain, that a friendly and complete  
understanding should be come to be-  
tween the two Governments, as to the  
extent of the rights which belong to  
the citizens of the United States and  
Her Majesty's subjects respectively,  
with reference to

THE FISHERIES ON THE COAST

of Her Majesty's possessions in North  
America, and as to any other questions  
between them which affect the relations  
of the United States towards those pos-  
sessions; and further, as the considera-  
tion of these questions would involve  
investigations of a somewhat complica-  
ted nature, and as it is very desirable  
that they should be thoroughly exam-  
ined, you are directed by Lord Gran-  
ville to propose to the Government of  
the United States the appointment of a  
joint High Commission, which shall be  
composed of members to be chosen by  
each Government, shall hold its ses-  
sions at Washington, and shall treat of  
and discuss the mode of settling the  
differences which have arisen out of  
the fisheries, as well as those which  
affect the relations of the United States  
towards her Majesty's possessions in  
North America.

I have laid your note before the  
President, who instructs me to say that  
he shares with her Majesty's Govern-  
ment the appreciation of the importance  
of a friendly and complete under-  
standing between the two Governments  
with reference to the subjects specially  
suggested for the consideration of the  
proposed joint High Commission, and  
he fully recognizes the friendly spirit  
which has prompted the proposal. The  
President is, however, of the opinion  
that without the adjustment of a class  
of questions not alluded to in your note,  
the proposed High Commission would  
fail to establish the permanent rela-  
tions, and the sincere, substantial and  
lasting friendship between the two Gov-  
ernments, which, in common with Her  
Majesty's Government, he desires  
should prevail. He thinks that this view  
of the subject also may be treated by the proposed  
high commission, and may thus be put  
in the way of a final and amicable set-  
tlement, this Government will with much  
pleasure appoint High Commission-  
ers on the part of the United States to  
meet those who may be appointed on  
behalf of Her Majesty's Government,  
and will spare no efforts to secure, at  
the earliest practicable moment, a just  
and amicable arrangement of all the  
questions which now unfortunately  
stand in the way of an entire and abid-  
ing friendship between the two nations.

I have the honor to be, with the  
highest consideration, Sir, your very  
obedient servant,  
HAMILTON FISH.

SIR EDWARD THORNTON, K. C. B. & C.

SIR EDWARD THORNTON TO MR. FISH.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknow-  
ledge the receipt of your note of the  
30th ult., and to offer you my sincere

and cordial thanks for the friendly and  
conciliatory spirit which pervades it.

With reference to that part of it in  
which you state that the President  
thinks that the removal of the differ-  
ences which arose during the rebellion  
in the United States, which have exist-  
ed since then, growing out of the acts  
committed by the several vessels which  
have given rise to the claims known as  
THE ALABAMA CLAIMS,  
will also be essential to the restoration  
of cordial and amicable relations be-  
tween the two Governments. He de-  
sired me to say that, should Her Ma-  
jesty's Government accept this view  
of this matter, and assent that this subject  
also may be treated by the proposed  
high commission, and may thus be put  
in the way of a final and amicable set-  
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which you state that the President  
thinks that the removal of the differ-  
ences which arose during the rebellion  
in the United States, which have exist-  
ed since then, growing out of the acts  
committed by the several vessels which  
have given rise to the claims generally  
known as the Alabama claims, will also  
be essential to the restoration of cordial  
and amicable relations between the two  
Governments, I have the honor to in-  
form you that I have submitted to Earl  
Granville the opinion thus expressed  
by the President of the United States,  
the friendliness of which I beg you to  
believe I fully appreciate.

I am now authorized by his Lordship  
to state that it would give Her Majes-  
ty's Government great satisfaction if  
the claims commonly known by the  
name of the Alabama claims were sub-  
mitted to the consideration of the same  
High Commission by which Her Ma-  
jesty's Government have proposed that  
the questions relating to the British  
possessions in North America should be  
discussed, provided that all other  
claims, both of British subjects and citi-  
zens of the United States, arising out  
of acts committed during the recent  
civil war in this country, are similarly  
referred to the same Commission.

The expressions made use of in the  
name of the President in your above-  
mentioned note with regard to the Al-  
abama claims, convince me that the Gov-  
ernment of the United States will con-  
sider it of importance that these causes  
of dispute between the two countries  
should also and at the same time be  
done away with, and that you will en-  
able me to convey to my Government the  
assent of the President to the addition  
which they thus propose to the duties  
of the High Commission, and which  
cannot fail to make it more certain that  
his labors will lead to the removal of all  
differences which exist between the two  
countries.

I have the honor to be, with the  
highest consideration, Sir, your most  
obedient, humble servant,  
EDWARD THORNTON.

THE HON. HAMILTON FISH, &c. &c.

MR. FISH TO SIR EDWARD THORNTON.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHING-  
TON, Feb. 3, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknow-  
ledge the receipt of your note of the  
1st inst., in which you inform me that  
you are authorized by Earl Granville to  
state that it would give Her Majesty's  
Government great satisfaction if the  
claims commonly known by the name of  
the Alabama claims were submitted to  
the consideration of the same High  
Commission by which Her Majesty's  
Government has proposed that the  
questions relating to the British posses-  
sions in North America should be dis-  
cussed, provided that all other claims,  
both of British subjects and citizens of  
the United States, arising out of acts  
committed during the recent civil war  
in this country are similarly referred to  
the same Commission.

I have laid your note before the  
President, and he has directed me to  
express the satisfaction with which he  
has received the intelligence that Earl  
Granville has authorized you to state  
that Her Majesty's Government has  
accepted the views of this Government  
as to the disposition to be made of the  
so-called Alabama claims. He also  
directs me to say, with reference to the  
remainder of your note, that if there be  
other and further claims of British  
subjects or American citizens growing  
out of acts committed during the late  
civil war in this country, he assents to  
the propriety of their reference to the  
same High Commission; but he sug-  
gests that the High Commissioners  
shall consider only such claims of this  
description as may be presented by  
the Governments of the respective  
claimants at an early day, to be agreed  
upon by the Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, with the  
highest consideration, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
HAMILTON FISH.

SIR EDWARD THORNTON, K. C. B. & C.

BELOW THE EARTH'S CRUST.

When we were publishing a paper  
in Lewisburg, West Virginia, several  
years ago, a very singular accident be-  
fell a young man there, which he nar-  
rated briefly at the time. A few days  
ago, we chanced to meet him in Mus-  
kegon, and he narrated his adventure,  
at our request. It occurred on the  
farm of General A. W. G. Davis, in  
Greenbrier County, in 1856. We give  
the story in his own words, as near as  
we can recollect them:  
"I was plowing on general Davis'  
farm, in 1856, unsuspecting of being on

insecure ground, when suddenly the  
earth seemed to fall beneath me. I saw  
the horses descending, but was too  
frightened to let go the plow handles.  
The pitch of the horses with the earth  
gave me an impetus, and somehow  
I caught the mane of one of them in  
my fall, and so held on instinctively.  
What I thought when falling, I can  
hardly tell—at any rate I did some  
rapid thinking. When I landed, I fell  
on the horse whose mane I had hold of;  
and although the horse was instantly  
killed, I was merely stunned and con-  
fused. On recovering, I looked up,  
and the hole through which I had  
fallen looked so small I concluded I  
must have fallen full a hundred and  
fifty feet. My first thought was to call  
for aid, but I instantly recalled the  
fact that I was at least a mile from  
Gen. Davis' house, and that there was  
not the remotest possibility that any  
one had seen my descent into the earth.

It was then early in the morning,  
and as I had brought out my dinner  
with me, no one would miss me before  
nightfall. While poring over these  
in my mind, I heard the rush of water  
close at hand, and it occurred to me  
that I must have fallen upon the bed of  
a sinking creek, which, as you know,  
falls into the earth above Frankfort,  
and does not come out but once till it  
reaches the banks of the Greenbrier  
river. To stay where I was, or to at-  
tempt to follow the subterranean pas-  
sage, was the next question. Sometimes  
took the team to my own tenant stables,  
and therefore might not be missed for  
some days, so I determined to follow  
the stream. I waded into it, and judg-  
ing from its depth of from one to three  
feet, I concluded it must be the identi-  
cal sinking creek spoken of. Leaving  
my dead companion behind me, I fol-  
lowed the stream. For the most part I  
had pretty easy work of it, but some-  
times I came to a deep place, where I  
was forced to swim for a considerable  
distance; again was often precipitated  
headlong into deep water by the precipi-  
tous, rocky bed of the stream.

Talk about the darkness of the  
grave! The grave itself could not have  
been more impenetrably dark than the  
passage I was following. The occa-  
sional rippling of the waters was an in-  
expressibly dear sound to my ears. Day  
and night was all the same to me. At  
last, wearied with my efforts, I laid  
down on a comparatively dry rock to  
rest, and must have slept for hours.  
When I awoke again, I took to the  
water, carefully ascertaining which way  
it ran, so as not to lose my labor by re-  
tracing my steps. It seemed to me the  
further I went, the more difficult pro-  
gress became. When I had gone about  
a mile, I came to a place where the  
archway narrowed so much that I had  
to use my hands and knees in the wa-  
ter. Here was a dilemma I had not looked  
for. I tried either bank of the river,  
but found no passage. I could swim  
under water for a considerable distance,  
but the distance before me was un-  
known, and I hesitated long before  
making the dangerous venture. At last  
I concluded my fate was as doubtful in  
returning as in proceeding, and plunged  
boldly into the current, and soon found  
that it was so swift in its confined pas-  
sage that I only needed to hold my  
breath to go through. In the course of  
twenty or thirty feet I again got my  
head above water, and took a long  
breathing spell. Again the archway  
above seemed to enlarge, and the bed  
of the stream became more even. I sped  
along comparatively rapidly, keeping my  
hands outstretched to prevent my  
running against the jagged rocks.  
Wearied out, I again laid down and  
slept soundly in my wet clothes.

On awaking, I pursued my course  
down the stream, and at last, a long  
distance ahead, I saw a glimmer that  
looked very bright in the darkness I  
was then shut in. Nearing this, I found  
that it did not increase in brightness;  
and when I had gone perhaps a mile, I  
came to another place where my path  
narrowed to the very tunnel filled by  
the water. My case now became more  
desperate. I could not possibly re-  
trace my steps, so I submitted myself  
to the current, and was immeasurably  
overjoyed to find myself rapidly swept  
into daylight. Exhausted and half  
drowned, I crept out upon the land,  
and was not long in recognizing the ob-  
jects about me. I had come out in the  
Greenbrier River, as I knew from the  
familiar look of General Davis' mill on  
the bank. On reaching home, I found  
that I had been forty-eight hours in  
making my perilous journey of six  
miles underground."

The hole where this man went  
through is now fenced around. On  
listening, one can plainly hear the rush  
of waters below, and a stone thrown  
in will splash.—Home Gazette.

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and settle the Interest due said Fund immedi-  
ately.  
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