

## CLAIMS COMMISSION

*Exchange of notes at Port-au-Prince June 1 and 3, 1922, supplementing protocol of October 3, 1919, pursuant to article XII of treaty of September 16, 1915*

*Entered into force June 3, 1922*

*Treaty expired May 3, 1936*

Department of State files

*The American High Commissioner to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

PORT AU PRINCE

*June 1, 1922*

MR. MINISTER:

Referring to the Haitian Government's Memorandum under date of December 30, 1921, and to its note of January 31, 1922, my Government has noted that the Haitian Government believes that in point of law the Protocol of October 3, 1919,<sup>1</sup> has lapsed, but that the difficulty regarding the time limit mentioned in the Protocol may be overcome by a clause inserted in the loan law, and its further suggestion, in paragraph 9 of the Memorandum of December 30, 1921, that provisions should be inserted in the loan law regarding the conversion of the bonds of the two remaining French loans.

I am instructed to inform Your Excellency that my Government while still regarding the Protocol as being valid, and in full force and effect, is nevertheless willing that the difficulties which have arisen should be overcome by a supplementary understanding between the two Governments. It feels, however, that the loan law should only embody the provisions necessary to confirm the authority of the Haitian Executive Power to contract the loan; and that the other questions affecting the validity of the Protocol, the method of issuing the proposed loan, and the disposition of the proceeds thereof, should be settled by an exchange of notes between the two Governments.

To put into effect, therefore, the proposal of my Government that these matters be dealt with by an exchange of notes, I am instructed to inform the Government of Your Excellency, in this manner, that inasmuch as under the provisions of the Protocol of October 3, 1919, between the United States and Haiti, and to carry out the purposes for which the Protocol was made, the

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<sup>1</sup> TS 643, *ante*, p. 678.