

COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF CUSTOMS REVENUES

*Exchange of notes at Santo Domingo March 31 and April 1, 1905;
modus vivendi proposed by President of Dominican Republic
March 31, 1905*

Entered into force April 1, 1905

Expired July 8, 1907, upon entry into force of convention of February 8, 1907¹

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EXCHANGE OF NOTES

The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

MARCH 31, 1905

MR. MINISTER: I have the honor to inform your excellency that I am in receipt of the following telegram from the Secretary of State:

"WASHINGTON, March 29, 1905

"Answering your telegram of the 25th, the President is favorable to the modus which the Dominican Republic proposes to adopt for the purpose of keeping the pending treaty alive until the Senate shall have acted upon it and in order to permit of its full execution should it be ratified, while at the same time not prejudicing any rights should the treaty eventually fail. You are instructed that the Government of the United States will acquiesce in the Dominican proposal. The President of the United States will present for nomination by the President of the Dominican Republic men to act in the positions referred to in both the northern and the southern ports, using utmost care to select men of capacity and absolute integrity, with some knowledge of Spanish. All moneys collected from both northern and southern ports not turned over to the Dominican Government in the proportion prescribed in your telegram will be deposited in some New York bank, to be designated by the President of the United States, there to be kept until the Senate has acted; if the action is adverse, the money will be turned over to the Dominican Government; if it is favorable, the money will be distributed among the creditors in proportion to their just claims under the treaty."

Will you do me the honor of indicating your acceptance or rejection thereof so that I may transmit your answer to my government?

¹ TS 465, *post*, p. 196.