

SPANISH-AMERICAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

Exchange of notes at Madrid February 11 and 12, 1871

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The American Minister to the Minister of State

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES

MADRID, *February 11, 1871*

SIR:

I have had the honor to receive the note of today's date addressed to me by Your Excellency, proposing certain modifications of the plan of arrangement submitted to you on the 7th instant for the adjustment of the reclamations made by my government against that of Spain. I take much pleasure in stating that the changes suggested in the memorandum enclosed in your note have my entire concurrence, and have been duly embodied in the following record of the bases upon which we have agreed:

Memorandum of an arbitration for the settlement of the claims of citizens of the United States, or of their heirs, against the Government of Spain for wrongs and injuries committed against their persons and property, or against the persons and property of citizens of whom the said heirs are the legal representatives, by the authorities of Spain in the Island of Cuba or within the maritime jurisdiction thereof, since the commencement of the present insurrection;

1. It is agreed that all such claims shall be submitted to Arbitrators, one to be appointed by the Secretary of State of the United States, another by the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain at Washington, and these two to name an Umpire who shall decide all questions upon which they shall be unable to agree; and in case the place of either Arbitrator

¹ TS 331-1, *post*, p. 557.

² TS 332, *post*, p. 560.

³ TS 335, *post*, p. 569.