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The absorbing topic in the political circles, for several days past, has been the discovery of the Protocol to the Mexican Treaty. A resolution was adopted in the Senate yesterday, calling upon the President for his instructions to Mr Sevier and Mr. Clifford, and for a copy of the instrument which they had signed, in connection with the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Government organ, in order to break the force of this disclosure, affected to treat it with levity and to produce the false impression, that the treaty was ratified according to the forms of the Mexican Constitution, *before* the adoption of the Protocol. This device is perfectly in character with the bad faith and fraud which have characterized the whole transaction, and it proves that the President, besides committing a gross outrage upon the constitution, is willing to adopt the basest means of extenuating his offence.

By the constitution of Mexico, the President and the two Houses of Congress compose the treating making power, and no act of the one is binding upon a treaty, without the consent of the other. When, therefore, the Government organ undertakes to represent, that the treaty, as amended by the American Senate, had been ratified by the constitutional forums of Mexico, deliberately is it to be the nature and extent of the action of Mexico. Without the ratification of the Congress the confirmation by Congress was not worth the paper upon which the vote was recorded, and the Protocol shows that until the American Commissioners officially rescinded the amendments of the Senate, he positively refused to consummate the Treaty. There are various opinions as to the proceedings in the Mexican Congress, one of which is, that they adopted resolutions recommending the Executive not to ratify, until the original articles or substance of them, in the first treaty were restored; and that it was that the Minister of Foreign Affairs declined to adopt the Treaty without this positive qualification. In attempting to cheat the Mexican Minister, they got cheated themselves, for he succeeded Mr Buchanan's attempt at explaining the amendments of the Senate, to the satisfaction of the Mexican Congress, and they adopted resolutions recommending the Executive to ratify, until the original articles or substance of them, in the first treaty were restored; and before it was, that the Minister of Foreign Affairs declined to adopt the Treaty without this positive qualification. In attempting to cheat the Mexican Minister, they got cheated themselves, for he succeeded Mr Buchanan's attempt at explaining the amendments of the Senate, to the satisfaction of the Mexican Congress, and they adopted resolutions recommending the Executive to ratify, without