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Respecting the Distribution of the Seven Hundred Millions which France is to pay to the Allied Powers, under Article 4 of the Treaty, and which is to serve instead of a particular Convention on that Head.—Paris, 20th November 1815.

HE undersigned Plenipotentiaries being met to fix the principles of the distribution of the sums which France is to pay, in pursuance of the Treaty of Paris of the 20th of November 1815, between their respective Courts the other Allied States, and having taken it into consideration, that it appears superfluous to conclude a particular Convention for this arrangement, have resolved to lay down, in the present Protocol, every thing that relates to that object, and to consider this Protocol as having the same force and validity as a formal and express Convention entered into by virtue of the full powers with which they are armed, and in pursuance of the instructions they have received from their respective Courts.

In conformity with this determination, they have concluded the following Articles:

ARTICLE I.

The Allied Powers, acknowledging the necessity ot guaranteeing the tranquillity of the countries bordering on France, by erecting fortifications on certain points the most exposed, have determined to set apart for that object a portion of the sums which are to be paid by France, leaving the remainder for general distribution, under the head of Indemnities. A fourth part of the total sum to be paid by France shall be applied to the erecting for-tifications. But as the cession of the fortress of Saar-Louis, equally founded on the motive of general safety, renders the construction of new fortifications in the vicinity of that fortress super-fluous, and that the same has been estimated at fifty millions, by the Military Committee who were consulted upon that point, the said fortress shall be set down at the above-mentioned sum, in

tifications, so that the aforesaid fourth part shall not be deducted from the seven hundred millions of francs promised by France, but from seven hundred and fifty millions, including the cession of Saar-Louis. In conformity with this disposition, the sum destined for fortifications is fixed at one hundred and eighty-seven and a half millions of francs, viz. one hundred and thirty-seven and a half millions in real value, and fifty millions, re-presented by the fortress of Saar-Louis.

ARTICLE II.

In apportioning these one hundred and eightyseven and a half millions of francs amongst the States bordering on France, the undersigned Ministers have had in view the necessity, more or less urgent, of those States to have additional fortresses, and the expense, more or less considerable, which the creeting them would incur, compared with the means which they severally possess, or will acquire by the present Treaty.

Millions. His Majesty the King of the Netherlands 60 will receive The King of Prussia 20 The King of Sardinia 10 The King of Bavaria, or such other Sovereign of the countries bordering on France between the Rhine and the Prussian territory

According to these principles,

The King of Spain

Of the twenty-five millions which remain to be distributed, five shall be appropriated to finish the works at Mayence, and the remaining twenty shall be assigned for the crection of a new federal for-

tress upon the Upper Rhine.

These sums shall be employed conformably with the plans and regulations which the Powers shall adopt for that purpose.

ARTICLE III.

The sum destined for the fortifications being deducted, there remains five hundred and sixty-two the calculation of the sums to be expended in for- | and a half millions, under the head of Indemnities,