

honestly believed that, if a Proclama-
-tion by France and England, with-
drawing belligerent rights from the
Insurrectionists, should be made,
the insurrection would collapse
at once. That it was the moral
support only, which that concession
had given them, that had sus-
-tained them so far; that they
had always looked to it as a first
step towards their final recogni-
-tion as an independent Power.

If the concession were withdrawn,
I believed, as an equivalent, the
blockade would be raised at an
early day. He said the concession
of belligerent rights was made
upon an understanding with
England.