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John Bull—I'll do without your help !
has completely failed owing to the differences between England and France."—*Telegram, August 3.*]

The British occupied Cairo on 14 September 1882. This marked the culmination of developments that had been at work since 1798—the attempt of European powers, principally France and Britain, to control the country. Gladstone was reluctant to continue the occupation, but the British were unwilling to evacuate Egypt without securing their strategic interests. A moderate degree of agreement over Egypt was attained by the Convention of London in 1885.