

ARBITRATION

Agreement signed at Washington June 28, 1913, extending agreement of May 5, 1908; memorandum of May 9, 1914

Senate advice and consent to ratification February 21, 1914

Ratified by the President of the United States March 12, 1914

Ratified by Japan May 19, 1914

Ratifications exchanged at Tokyo May 23, 1914

Entered into force May 23, 1914; operative from August 24, 1913

Proclaimed by the President of the United States May 26, 1914

Expired August 23, 1918

38 Stat. 1775; Treaty Series 591

AGREEMENT

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, being desirous of extending the period of five years during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on May 5, 1908,¹ is to remain in force, which period is about to expire, have authorized the undersigned, to wit: The Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State of the United States, and Viscount Sutemi Chinda, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington, to conclude the following agreement:

ARTICLE I

The Convention of Arbitration of May 5, 1908, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, the duration of which by Article III thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications, which period will terminate on August 24, 1913, is hereby extended and continued in force for a further period of five years from August 24, 1913.

ARTICLE II

The present Agreement shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and by His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, and it shall become effective upon

¹ TS 509, *ante*, p. 406.

the date of the exchange of ratifications, which shall take place at Tokyo as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate at Washington, this 28th day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, corresponding to the 28th day of the sixth month of the second year of Taisho.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN [SEAL]
S. CHINDA [SEAL]

MEMORANDUM

Arbitration Agreement between United States and Japan, signed June 28, 1913, extending the duration of the Arbitration Convention of May 5, 1908

The Department of State acknowledges the receipt of the Memorandum of the Japanese Embassy, dated May 8, 1914, stating that:

"1. The Japanese Embassy construes Article I to mean that the Arbitration Convention of May 5, 1908, terminated at the end of the 23rd day of August, 1913, and that the term of its extension was to commence from the 24th day of the same month, that is, from after midnight of the aforesaid 23rd day.

2. Despite the provision in Article II to the effect that the Extension Agreement shall become effective upon the date of the exchange of ratifications, the United States Government proposes, according to the understanding of the Japanese Embassy, to render the Agreement retrospective in so far as to make it operative on and from August 24, 1913 as provided in Article I above referred to."

The Department of State concurs in the views of the Japanese Embassy, as stated above, regarding the termination of the Arbitration Convention of May 5, 1908, and the retroactivity of the Agreement signed June 28, 1913.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
May 9, 1914.