

CLAIMS: THE CASE OF THE BRIG "SARAH WILSON"

Convention signed at Caracas April 12, 1848
Entered into force April 12, 1848
*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*¹

5 Miller 429

CONVENTION UPON THE CLAIM RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN BRIG SARAH WILSON

The undersigned, Benjamin G. Shields, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, and Rafael Acevedo, Secretary of State of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Government of Venezuela, being duly authorized to form an equitable agreement for the indemnification claimed by those interested in the American Brig Sarah Wilson, which was unjustly detained and sold with her cargo by the authorities of Venezuela, in the years 1829 and 1830, have agreed to conclude and seal at all points this affair in the terms following.

ART. 1st The Government of Venezuela obligates itself to pay to the order of the Chargé d'affaires of the United States, with the previous approbation of the Congress of Venezuela, the sum of thirty thousand and two hundred dollars in absolute indemnification of all losses and damages which the owners and persons interested in the Brig Sarah Wilson, have claimed through the Legation of their country, who shall have no right to prefer any new claim that may have origin in the circumstances of this case.

ART. 2^d Said sum of thirty thousand and two hundred dollars shall be paid at the Treasury in two equal portions on the 31st of August one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, and the 30th of November of the same year.

ART. 3^d This Convention shall be submitted to Congress during its present session in order that it may appropriate the sum necessary for its faithful execution.

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, including a discussion of the settlement, see 5 Miller 429.

In witness whereof the undersigned have signed two of one tenor in Caracas on the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

B. G. SHIELDS
*Chargé d'Affaires of the
United States to the
Republic of Venezuela*

El Secretario de R.E.
RAFAEL ACEVEDO