

ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS

Convention signed at Washington October 5, 1888, supplementing convention of December 5, 1885, as supplemented
Senate advice and consent to ratification December 5, 1888
Ratified by the President of the United States January 30, 1889
Ratified by Venezuela May 11, 1889
Ratifications exchanged at Washington June 3, 1889
Entered into force June 3, 1889
Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 4, 1889
*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*¹

28 Stat. 1067; Treaty Series 371

SUPPLEMENTARY CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND VENEZUELA, TO FURTHER EXTEND THE PERIOD FIXED FOR THE EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF DECEMBER 5, 1885, AND TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF THE RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF MARCH 15, 1888

Whereas, by Articles I and II of a Convention, signed and concluded by the respective Plenipotentiaries of the United States and Venezuela, in the city of Washington, on the 15th day of March, 1888,² it was provided that the time fixed by the Convention between the said parties, signed and concluded December 5, 1885,³ for the exchange at Washington of the ratifications thereof, should be extended to a period not exceeding five months from the date of said Convention, to wit, from the 15th day of March, 1888, or sooner if possible, and that the ratifications of said Convention of March 15, 1888, should in like manner be exchanged at Washington within the same period;

And whereas the period, as aforesaid prescribed, elapsed on the 15th day of August, 1888, without such exchange having been effected;

And whereas it appears that the Congress and Government of Venezuela did, according to the Constitutional forms of that Republic, ratify and confirm the said Conventions at Caracas on the 27th day of July, 1888, and that the President of the Republic of Venezuela did on the 2nd day of August,

¹ See footnote 3, *ante*, p. 1085.

² TS 371, *ante*, p. 1093.

³ TS 371, *ante*, p. 1085.

1888, fully empower the representative of that Republic in the United States to exchange ratifications thereof with whoever should be duly authorized on behalf of the United States;

And whereas the said Conventions having been theretofore duly ratified by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, the Secretary of State of the United States, duly empowered by the President of the United States, was ready on and before the said 15th day of August, 1888, to effect the exchange of ratifications of the said Conventions as stipulated;

And whereas, by reason of unavoidable delay, the copy of the said Convention ratified by the Government of Venezuela as aforesaid and the necessary powers to enable the Representative of that Government in the United States to make exchange of ratifications could not be produced in the city of Washington, D.C., until after the expiration of the period so as aforesaid stipulated for the exchange of ratifications;

Now, therefore, the Governments of the United States and Venezuela, being desirous of completing and putting in force the two Conventions aforesaid at the earliest day possible, have respectively named as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for that purpose.

The President of the United States of America, Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States of America,

And the President of the United States of Venezuela, Francisco Antonio de Silva, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of Venezuela at Washington;

Who, after reciprocally satisfying each other in good and due form of their competency to negotiate to such end, have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I

The time fixed, by Articles I and II of the Convention between the Contracting Parties, signed at Washington, the 15th day of March, 1888, within which to affect the exchange of the ratifications of the Convention between said parties signed at Washington, on the 5th day of December, 1885, and also of the said Convention of the 15th day of March, 1888, is hereby extended to a period not exceeding ten months from the 15th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, or sooner if possible.

ARTICLE II

The present Convention 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 the President of the United States of Venezuela, by and with the advice and consent of the Congress thereof; and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, as soon as possible within the time specified in Article I hereof as the period of extension of the time for the exchange of

ratifications of the Convention signed at Washington, on the 5th day of December, 1885, and of the Convention signed at Washington on the 15th day of March, 1888.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed and sealed the present Convention in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages.

Done at Washington, this fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

T. F. BAYARD [SEAL]
F^{co}. ANT^o. SILVA [SEAL]