

ADDITIONAL CLAIMS.

"Wanderer".....	1887-89
"Winifred".....	1891
"Henrietta".....	1892
"Oscar and Hattie".....	1892

'AWARD OF THE BEHRING SEA CLAIMS COMMISSION UNDER THE CONVENTION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES OF THE 8TH OF FEBRUARY, 1896.—DECEMBER 17, 1897.

Whereas by a Convention between Great Britain and the United States of America, signed at Washington on the 8th February, 1896, it was, among other matters, agreed and concluded that "all claims on account of injuries sustained by persons in whose behalf Great Britain is entitled to claim compensation from the United States, and arising by virtue of" a certain Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, signed at Washington on the 29th February, 1892, the Award and Findings of the Tribunal of Arbitration constituted thereunder as also certain additional claims specified in the preamble of the Convention first above mentioned, should be referred to two Commissioners, one of whom should be appointed by Her Britannic Majesty and the other by the President of the United States, and each of whom should be learned in the law; and it was further agreed and concluded in the Convention first herein named that said Commissioners should determine the liability of the United States, if any, in respect of each claim, and assess the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid on account thereof.

And whereas Her Britannic Majesty appointed the Honourable George Edwin King, a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, one of said Commissioners, and the President of the United States of America appointed the Honourable William L. Putnam, a Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the First Circuit, the other of said Commissioners; and we, the said Commissioners, having met at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, on the 23rd day of November, A.D. 1896, and our respective powers having been found to be duly authenticated, and each of us having duly taken the oath prescribed by the Convention, proceeded jointly to the discharge of our duties thereunder; and, having heard and

¹ From Hertslet's Commercial Treaties, Vol. 21, p. 1063.