

necessary, and the line when and where thus marked, in whole or in part, and agreed upon by the Commissioners, shall be deemed to define permanently for all international purposes the 141st meridian mentioned in the treaty of February 28 (16), 1825, between Great Britain and Russia.

The location of the marks shall be described by such views, maps and other means as the Commissioners shall decide upon and duplicate records of these descriptions shall be attested by the Commissioners jointly and be by them deposited with their respective governments, together with their final report hereinafter mentioned.

Article III. Each Government shall bear the expenses incident to the employment of its own appointees and of the operations conducted by them, but the cost of material used in permanently marking the meridian, and of its transportation and erection in place, shall be borne equally and jointly by the two Governments.

Article IV. The Commissioners shall diligently prosecute the work to its completion and they shall submit to their respective Governments from time to time, and at least once in every calendar year, a joint report of progress, and a final comprehensive report upon the completion of the whole work.

Article V. The present Convention shall be duly ratified by His Britannic Majesty, and by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London or at Washington as soon as possible.

In faith whereof, we the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this convention, and have hereunto affixed our seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington this twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.

(L.S.) H. M. DURAND.
(L.S.) ELIHU ROOT.

FIRST JOINT REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE DEMARCATION OF THE 141st DE-
GREE OF WEST LONGITUDE.

The undersigned Commissioners, appointed in virtue of the first Article of the Convention between the United States and