

Primarily, the subject involved is the value of the ships and cargo. There is the claim for the loss of the season's catch, and whether the possible catch for two seasons ought to be paid for in some cases. Also, shall interest be paid on the claims established, and if so, at what rate?

The Treaty required "suitable authentic testimony" to be produced, and many questions arising out of these words are yet to be considered.

The rules adopted for procedure were as follows :

1. The counsel for Great Britain shall forthwith present to the Commissioners separate statements of the several claims of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, by delivering to the Secretary of the Commissioners twenty copies of such statements of claims, and the said counsel shall also deliver to the counsel for the United States of America twenty copies of such statements of claims.

2. Within three days after the filing of any statement of claim, the counsel for the United States of America shall deliver to the Secretary of the Commissioners twenty copies of their answer to such claim, and shall also deliver to the counsel for Her Britannic Majesty twenty copies of such answer.

3. Within one day after the delivery of any answer, the counsel on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty shall elect, by notice on the docket, whether they desire to deliver any statement of reply : and if they so elect, the same shall be filed and delivered in the same manner as the statements of claims within one additional day thereafter ; and, at the expiration of two days from the delivery of the answer, they shall cause to be entered, by notice on the docket, a statement of the order in which the several claims shall be presented to the Commissioners, provided that the counsel for Great Britain shall be at liberty to enter them in groups of not less than four.

4. Each claim shall be proceeded with separately, and the evidence thereon on both sides closed, before the proceedings on any other claim are begun, except such evidence as may, by the consent of either Commissioner, be adduced later.