

paid, if any, in respect of such claims, and each of them should also be determined under the provisions of this Convention—all claims by Great Britain under Article V of the *modus vivendi* of the 18th April, 1892, for the abstention from fishing of British sealers during the pendency of said arbitration having been definitely waived before the Tribunal of Arbitration.

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, to the end of concluding a Convention for that purpose, have appointed as their respective Plenipotentiaries:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable Sir Julian Pauncefote, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States; and

The President of the United States, the Honourable Richard Olney, Secretary of State;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, which were found in due and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following Articles:—

Article I. The High Contracting Parties agree 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 the Treaty aforesaid, the award and findings of the said Tribunal of Arbitration, as also the additional claims specified in the fifth paragraph of the preamble hereto, shall be referred to two Commissioners, one of whom shall be appointed by Her Britannic Majesty, and the other by the President of the United States, and each of whom shall be learned in the law.

Appended to this Convention is a list of the Claims intended to be referred.

Article II. The two Commissioners shall meet at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, as soon as practicable after the exchange of the ratifications of this Convention, and, after taking an oath that they will fairly and impartially investigate the claims referred to them, and render a just decision thereon, they shall proceed jointly to the discharge of their duties.

The Commission shall also sit at San Francisco, California, as well as at Victoria, provided either Commissioner shall so request, if he shall be of opinion that the interests of justice shall so require, for reasons to be recorded on the minutes.