

## RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNITIES OF CONSULAR OFFICERS

*Convention signed at Brussels December 5, 1868*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification April 12, 1869*

*Ratified by the President of the United States April 18, 1869*

*Ratified by Belgium June 17, 1869*

*Ratifications exchanged at Brussels July 8, 1869*<sup>1</sup>

*Entered into force July 8, 1869*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States March 7, 1870*

*Terminated January 1, 1880*<sup>2</sup>

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The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, recognizing the utility of defining the rights, privileges and immunities of Consular Officers in the two Countries, deem it expedient to conclude a consular convention for that purpose.

Accordingly they have named: The President of the United States of America, Henry Shelton Sanford, a citizen of the United States, their Minister Resident near His Majesty the King of the Belgians, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, the Sieur Jules Vander Stichelen, Grand Cross of the Order of the Dutch Lion, etc., etc., His Minister of Foreign Affairs; who, after having communicated to each other their full powers, found to be in good and proper form, have agreed upon the following articles:

### ARTICLE 1

Each of the high contracting parties agrees to receive from the other, Consuls-general, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular agents, in all its ports, cities and places, except those where it may not be convenient to recognize such officers. This reservation, however, shall not apply to one of the high contracting parties without also applying to every other power.

### ARTICLE 2

Consular officers, on the presentation of their commissions in the forms established in their respective countries, shall be furnished with the neces-

<sup>1</sup> In an additional protocol signed at Brussels June 1, 1869, the two parties agreed to a delay in the exchange of ratifications. On Mar. 2, 1870, the United States Senate gave its advice and consent to this delay.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to notice of termination given by Belgium Jan. 1, 1879.