

CLAIMS: ORINOCO CORPORATION

Protocol and exchange of notes at Caracas September 9, 1909

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Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms

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The United States of America and the United States of Venezuela, through their representatives, William W. Russell, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, and General Juan Pietri, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United States of Venezuela, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have agreed upon and signed the following Protocol of Settlement:

WHEREAS, under a certain Protocol between the United States of America and the United States of Venezuela for the decision and adjustment of certain claims, signed at Caracas on the 13th day of February, 1909,¹ it was agreed that the claim of THE ORINOCO CORPORATION and of its predecessors in interest, THE MANOA COMPANY LIMITED, THE ORINOCO COMPANY AND THE ORINOCO COMPANY LIMITED, against the United States of Venezuela should be submitted to the jurisdiction of three arbitrators to be chosen from the Permanent Court at The Hague, created at the Second Peace Conference, held at The Hague in 1907,² the claimant company fixing the value of said claim at one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,750,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the respective Governments, animated by the spirit of sincere friendship that has always existed and should exist between the two Nations, and actuated by the firmest desire to maintain and continue the good understanding which should exist and increase between them, and to the end of avoiding all possible future differences regarding this matter and of adjusting existing differences concerning said claim by common accord, instead of further proceedings under said Protocol, and in pursuance of the express provision of Article XII of said Protocol, as heretofore extended by the joint agreement of the said Governments, have now reached an amicable arrange-

¹ TS 522½, *post*, p. 1113.

² TS 536, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 577.