

## ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS FOLLOWING PORT-AU-PRINCE RIOTS

*Exchange of notes at Port-au-Prince February 11–March 7, 1885,  
enclosed in dispatch of March 17, 1885, from the American Minis-  
ter at Port-au-Prince to the Secretary of State*

*Entered into force March 7, 1885*

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*The American Minister to the American Secretary of State (Thomas F.  
Bayard)*

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAYTI, March 17, 1885

No. 723

SIR: I have the honor to bring to your attention that, after protracted and persistent effort, involving a great amount of verbal and written discussion regarding the general mode and details of considering, determining, and settling the claims of the American citizens sustaining losses of property in connection with the events of the 22d and 23d days of September, 1883, at Port-au-Prince, agreement has been reached between the Haytian Government and this legation, substantially upon the principles and conditions contained in my memorandum, as approved by the Department, submitted to this Government by me on the 15th of July, 1884, with regard thereto, as you will find fully set forth in the correspondence which has passed between Mr. St. Victor and myself, copies of which are herewith transmitted.

I also inclose a brief but important letter addressed to me from Mr. Charles Weymann, containing an explanation of a clause found in Mr. St. Victor's dispatch of the 25th of February, 1885, with regard to the discount to be made upon the claims of our citizens allowed by the commission.

It will be seen that I consent to submit these claims to a mixed commission, composed of four persons, two Haytian and two American citizens—Messrs. B. Lallemand and C. A. Preston, Haytians, and Messrs. Charles Weymann and Dr. John B. Terres, Americans; that the nationality or citizenship of our citizens is not to be called in question before the commission; that

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<sup>1</sup> Date of final payment; see Moore, *International Arbitrations*, vol. II, p. 1859.