

## CLAIMS: VENEZUELA STEAM TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

*Convention signed at Caracas January 19, 1892*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification March 17, 1892*

*Ratified by Venezuela June 20, 1894*

*Ratified by the President of the United States July 2, 1894*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington July 28, 1894*

*Entered into force July 28, 1894*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States July 30, 1894*

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*<sup>1</sup>

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The Government of the United States of America and the United States of Venezuela, being mutually desirous of removing all causes of difference between them in a manner honorable to both parties and in consonance with their just rights and interests, have resolved to submit to arbitration the claim of the "Venezuela Steam Transportation Company", and have respectively named as their plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for that purpose:

The President of the United States of America, William L. Scruggs, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at Caracas;

And the President of the United States of Venezuela, Doctor Rafael Seijas, legal adviser for the Department of Foreign Relations;

Who, after having exhibited their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

### ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree to submit to arbitration the question whether any, and, if any, what indemnity shall be paid by the Government of the United States of Venezuela to the Government of the United States of America for the alleged wrongful seizure, detention and employment in

<sup>1</sup> The commissions rendered their decision Mar. 26, 1895, awarding \$141,800 to the United States and \$300 to Venezuela (II Malloy 1870).