

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Shanghai November 8, 1858, supplementing
treaty of June 18, 1858*

*Entered into force November 8, 1858*¹

Senate advice and consent to ratification March 1, 1859

Ratified by the President of the United States March 3, 1859

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*²

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In order to carry into effect the Convention³ made at Tien-tsin by the High Commissioners and Plenipotentiaries respectively representing the United States of America and the Ta Tsing Empire, for the satisfaction of claims of American citizens by which it was agreed that one fifth of all tonnage, import and export duties payable on American Ships and goods shipped in American vessels at the ports of Canton, Shanghai and Fuh-chau to an amount not exceeding six hundred thousand taels should be applied to that end; And the Plenipotentiary of the United States, actuated by a friendly feeling towards China, is willing on behalf of the United States to reduce the amount needed for such claims to an aggregate of Five hundred thousand taels, it is now expressly agreed by the high contracting parties in the form of a Supplementary Convention as follows:

ARTICLE 1

That on the first day of the next Chinese year,⁴ the Collectors of Customs at the said three ports, shall issue debentures to the amount of Five hundred thousand taels, to be delivered to such persons as may be named by the Minister or Chief Diplomatic Officer of the United States in China, and it is agreed that the amount shall be distributed as follows: Three hundred thousand taels at Canton—one hundred thousand taels at Shanghai and one hundred thousand taels at Fuh-chau, which shall be received in payment of one fifth of the tonnage export and import duties on American ships or goods

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, see 8 Miller 93; for a discussion of the date of entry into force, see 8 Miller 70.

² All claims were paid by Apr. 24, 1885.

³ Treaty signed at Tientsin June 18, 1858 (TS 46), *ante*, p. 659.

⁴ Feb. 3, 1859.