

CLAIMS: DURATION OF JOINT COMMISSION

Convention signed at Washington November 27, 1872, modifying convention of July 4, 1868, as modified

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with an amendment, March 9, 1873*¹

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with an amendment, March 10, 1873*¹

Ratified by Mexico May 19, 1873

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington July 17, 1873*²

Entered into force July 17, 1873

Proclaimed by the President of the United States July 24, 1873

Expired in accordance with its terms

18 Stat. 514; Treaty Series 215

Whereas, by the convention concluded between the United States and the Mexican Republic on the fourth day of July, 1868,³ certain claims of citizens of the contracting parties were submitted to a joint commission, whose functions were to terminate within two years and six months, reckoning from the day of the first meeting of the commissioners; and whereas the functions of the aforesaid joint commission were extended, according to the convention concluded between the same parties on the nineteenth day of April, 1871,⁴ for a term not exceeding one year from the day on which they were to terminate according to the first convention; and whereas the possibility of said commission's concluding its labors even within the period fixed by the aforesaid convention of April nineteenth, 1871, is doubtful:

Therefore, the President of the United States of America and the President of the United States of Mexico, desiring that the term of the aforementioned commission should be again extended, in order to attain this end, have appointed, the President of the United States Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State,

¹ The United States amendment reads as follows:

"Article I, line 2, after the word 'that' insert the words: *the said commission be revived and that.*"

The text printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

² The two governments signed a protocol at Washington Jan. 31, 1873 (I Malloy 1135; TS 216), to provide for expenses for the commission during the interval pending exchange of ratifications.

³ TS 212, *ante*, p. 826.

⁴ TS 214, *ante*, p. 834.