

CLAIMS

Convention signed at Washington April 11, 1839

Ratified by Mexico January 11, 1840

Senate advice and consent to ratification March 17, 1840

Ratified by the President of the United States April 6, 1840

Ratifications exchanged at Washington April 7, 1840

Entered into force April 7, 1840

Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 8, 1840

Supplemented by convention of January 30, 1843 ¹

Terminated by treaty of February 2, 1848 ²

8 Stat. 526; Treaty Series 205 ³

Whereas a convention for the adjustment of claims of citizens of the United States upon the Government of the Mexican Republic was concluded and signed at Washington on the 10th day of September, 1838,⁴ which convention was not ratified on the part of the Mexican Government, on the alleged ground that the consent of His Majesty the King of Prussia to provide an arbitrator to act in the case provided by said convention could not be obtained;

And whereas the parties to said convention are still, and equally, desirous of terminating the discussions which have taken place between them in respect to said claims, arising from injuries to the persons and property of citizens of the United States by Mexican authorities, in a manner equally advantageous to the citizens of the United States, by whom said injuries have been sustained, and more convenient to Mexico than that provided by said convention:

The President of the United States has named for this purpose, and furnished with full powers, John Forsyth, Secretary of State of the said United States; and the President of the Mexican Republic has named His Excellency Señor Don Francisco Pizarro Martinez, accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Mexican Republic to the United States, and has furnished him with full powers for the same purpose;

¹ TS 206, *post*, p. 788.

² TS 207, *post*, p. 791. The 1848 treaty provides in art. XIII for payment of the awards rendered under the treaties of 1839 and 1843.

³ For a detailed study of this convention, see 4 Miller 189.

⁴ Unperfected; for text, see 4 Miller 200.