

CLAIMS: AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS AT CHINCHA ISLANDS

Exchange of notes at Lima, April 8 and 9, 1857

Entered into force April 9, 1857

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*¹

7 Miller 503

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

LIMA, April 8, 1857

At the last conference which the undersigned, Minister of Foreign Affairs, held yesterday afternoon with His Excellency, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, to terminate equitably the claim of indemnification solicited by the North American captains who were wounded and ill-treated at the islands of Chincha on the 17th of August 1853, the undersigned had the honor to explain to His Excellency, Mr. Clay, that, notwithstanding the desire of the Peruvian Government to bring this business to the definitive settlement to which the arrangements previously made at Washington between the Minister of Peru and the Secretary of State of the American Union contributed, the political situation of the Republic at present and the increased expenses caused by it do not permit the National Treasury to make, immediately, the payment of the forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to which the said claim amounts—a disbursement which the Government of the undersigned is disposed to make in the following form, if accepted by His Excellency, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States.

The Minister of Finance will draw four bills, of ten thousand dollars each, upon the house of Barrera & Brother in the United States, payable at three, six, nine, and twelve months after sight, in order that, from the product of the guano sold in that Republic, it may hold at the disposal of the Government of the Union the whole amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) at the dates above mentioned.

The undersigned feels confident that His Excellency, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, in informing his

¹ For a discussion of the settlement, see 7 Miller 516.