

CLAIMS

Convention signed at Washington July 4, 1868

Senate advice and consent to ratification July 25, 1868

Ratified by Mexico December 26, 1868

Ratified by the President of the United States January 25, 1869

Ratifications exchanged at Washington February 1, 1869

Entered into force February 1, 1869

Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 1, 1869

Modified by conventions of April 19, 1871;¹ November 27, 1872;²

November 20, 1874;³ and April 29, 1876⁴

Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms⁵

15 Stat. 679; Treaty Series 212

Whereas it is desirable to maintain and increase the friendly feelings between the United States and the Mexican Republic, and so to strengthen the system and principles of Republican Government on the American Continent; and whereas since the signature of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of the 2nd. of February 1848,⁶ claims and complaints have been made by citizens of the United States on account of injuries to their persons and their property by authorities of that Republic, and similar claims and complaints have been made on account of injuries to the persons and property of Mexican citizens by authorities of the United States, the President of the United States of America and the President of the Mexican Republic have resolved to conclude a Convention for the adjustment of the said claims and complaints and have named as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States, William H. Seward, Secretary of State;

And the President of the Mexican Republic, Matias Romero, accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Mexican Re-

¹ TS 214, *post*, p. 834.

² TS 215, *post*, p. 836.

³ TS 217, *post*, p. 838.

⁴ TS 218, *post*, p. 841.

⁵ The commissioners, having disposed of all claims submitted to them, held their last meeting Jan. 31, 1876. Decisions were rendered by the umpire on cases before him and he completed his work on Nov. 20, 1876 (see Moore, *International Arbitrations*, vol. II, p. 1287).

⁶ TS 207, *ante*, p. 791