

SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS

Convention signed at Washington February 26, 1851

Senate advice and consent to ratification March 7, 1851

Ratified by the President of the United States March 10, 1851

Ratified by Portugal June 17, 1851

Ratifications exchanged at Lisbon June 23, 1851

Entered into force June 23, 1851

Proclaimed by the President of the United States September 1, 1851

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The United States of America, and Her Most Faithful Majesty, the Queen of Portugal and of the Algarves, equally animated with the desire to maintain the relations of harmony and amity, which have always existed, and which it is desirable to preserve between the two Powers, having agreed to terminate, by a Convention, the pending questions between their respective Governments, in relation to certain pecuniary claims of American citizens, presented by the Government of the United States, against the Government of Portugal,—have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries for that purpose, to wit:

The President of the United States of America, Daniel Webster, Secretary of State of said United States,—and

Her Most Faithful Majesty, J. C. de Figanière é Morão, of Her Council, Knight Commander of the order of Christ, and of O. L. of Conception of Villa-Viçosa, and Minister Resident of Portugal near the Government of the United States,—

who, after having exchanged their respective full powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon, and concluded, the following articles:

ARTICLE I

Her Most Faithful Majesty, the Queen of Portugal and of the Algarves, appreciating the difficulty of the two Governments' agreeing upon the subject of said claims, from the difference of opinion entertained by them respectively, which difficulty might hazard the continuance of the good understanding, now prevailing between them, and resolved to maintain the same unimpaired,—has assented to pay to the Government of the United

¹ Date on which Portugal made final payment.

² For a detailed study of this convention, see 5 Miller 929.