

CLAIMS: THE CASE OF THE "VIRGINIUS"

Agreement signed at Madrid February 27, 1875

Declaration of ratification signed at Madrid March 11, 1875

Orders for distribution of indemnities signed by the President of the United States July 21, 1875, and January 7, 1876

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AGREEMENT

In consideration of the reasons set forth and the declarations made reciprocally in various conferences to that effect had between His Excellency Mr. Caleb Cushing Representative of the United States, and His Excellency D. Alejandro Castro Minister of State, as also of the notes which have passed between them, and desiring at the same time to put an end, by means of an equitable and friendly accord to the reclamations presented by the Government of the United States in consequence of what occurred at Santiago de Cuba in regard to the persons of the officers, crew and passengers of the Steamer "Virginus" it being understood that from these reclamations are to be excluded, in so far as respects the Ship's company all individuals indemnified as British subjects, and, with respect to passengers, including only six American citizens:

They have agreed:

First. The Spanish Government engages to deliver to that of the United States the sum of eighty thousand dollars in coin, or four hundred thousand pesetas, for the purpose of relief of the families or persons of the Ship's company and passengers aforesaid of the "Virginus."

Second. The Government of the United States engages to accept the sum mentioned in satisfaction of reclamations of any sort which, in the sense of personal indemnification in this behalf might hereafter be advanced against the Spanish Government.

Third. When the sum referred to in Article one, shall have been received, the President of the United States will proceed to distribute the same among the families or the parties interested in the form and manner which he may judge most equitable, without being obliged to give account of this distribution to the Spanish Government.

¹ Not previously printed.