

## CLAIMS: DURATION OF JOINT COMMISSION

*Convention signed at México April 19, 1871, modifying convention of July 4, 1868*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification December 11, 1871*

*Ratified by the President of the United States December 15, 1871*

*Ratified by Mexico January 17, 1872*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington February 8, 1872*

*Entered into force February 8, 1872*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 8, 1872*

*Expired in accordance with its terms*

17 Stat. 861; Treaty Series 214

Whereas a convention was concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868,<sup>1</sup> between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, for the settlement of outstanding claims that have originated since the signing of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, on the 2d of February, 1848,<sup>2</sup> by a mixed commission limited to endure for two years and six months from the day of the first meeting of the commissioners; and whereas doubts have arisen as to the practicability of the business of the said commission being concluded within the period assigned:

The President of the United States of America and the President of the United States of Mexico are desirous that the time originally fixed for the duration of the said commission should be extended, and to this end have named plenipotentiaries to agree upon the best mode of effecting this object, that is to say: The President of the United States of America, Thomas H. Nelson, accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Mexican Republic; and the President of the United States of Mexico, Manuel Azpiroz, Chief Clerk and in charge of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the United States of Mexico; who, after having presented their respective powers, and finding them sufficient and in due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

### ARTICLE I

The high contracting parties agree that the term assigned in the convention of the 4th of July, 1868, above referred to, for the duration of the said com-

<sup>1</sup> TS 212, *ante*, p. 826.

<sup>2</sup> TS 207, *ante*, p. 791.