

BERING SEA ARBITRATION

Agreements signed at Washington December 18, 1891

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ARTICLES FOR INSERTION IN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

The following is the text of Articles for insertion in the Behring Sea Arbitration Agreement as settled in the Diplomatic Correspondence between the Government of the United States and the Government of Great Britain:

I

What exclusive jurisdiction in the sea now known as the Behring's Sea, and what exclusive rights in the seal fisheries therein, did Russia assert and exercise prior and up to the time of the cession of Alaska to the United States?

II

How far were these claims of jurisdiction as to the seal fisheries recognized and conceded by Great Britain?

III

Was the body of water now known as the Behring's Sea included in the phrase "Pacific Ocean", as used in the Treaty of 1825 between Great Britain and Russia;² and what rights, if any, in the Behring's Sea were held and exclusively exercised by Russia after said Treaty?

IV

Did not all the rights of Russia as to jurisdiction, and as to the seal fisheries in Behring's Sea east of the water boundary, in the Treaty between the United States and Russia of the 30th March, 1867,³ pass unimpaired to the United States under that Treaty?

¹ TS 140-1, *post*, p. 220.

² *British and Foreign State Papers*, vol. 12, p. 38.

³ TS 301, *ante*, vol. 11, p. 1216, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.