

## FUR SEAL FISHERIES IN BERING SEA

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*Ratified by the United Kingdom May 2, 1892*  
*Ratifications exchanged at London May 7, 1892*  
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*Proclaimed by the President of the United States May 9, 1892*  
*Terminated August 15, 1893*<sup>1</sup>

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### CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE EXISTING "MODUS VIVENDI"<sup>2</sup> IN BEHRING'S SEA

Whereas by a Convention concluded between the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on the twenty-ninth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, the High Contracting Parties have agreed to submit to Arbitration, as therein stated, the questions which have arisen between them concerning the jurisdictional rights of the United States in the waters of Behring's Sea and concerning also the preservation of the fur-seal in, or habitually resorting to, the said sea, and the rights of the citizens and subjects of either country as regards the taking of fur-seal in, or habitually resorting to, the said waters; and whereas the High Contracting Parties, having differed as to what restrictive Regulations for seal-hunting are necessary, during the pendency of such Arbitration, have agreed to adjust such difference in manner hereinafter mentioned, and without prejudice to the rights of either party:

The said High Contracting Parties have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for this purpose, that is to say:

The President of the United States of America, James G. Blaine, Secretary of State of the United States;

<sup>1</sup> Date of rendition of award pursuant to arbitration convention of Feb. 29, 1892 (TS 140-1, *ante*, p. 220).

<sup>2</sup> Agreement signed at Washington June 15, 1891 (TS 140), *ante*, p. 215.