

CLAIMS: BERING SEA

*Convention signed at Washington February 8, 1896, with appendix
Senate advice and consent to ratification, with amendments, April 15,
1896*¹

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with amendments,
April 23, 1896*¹

Ratified by the United Kingdom May 14, 1896

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Proclaimed by the President of the United States June 11, 1896

*Terminated December 17, 1897.*²

29 Stat. 844; Treaty Series 144

Whereas by a Treaty between the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, signed at Washington on February 29, 1892,³ the questions which had arisen between their respective Governments concerning the jurisdictional rights of the United States in the waters of Behring 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, were submitted to a Tribunal of Arbitration as therein constituted;

¹ The U.S. amendments were as follows:

Article II, second paragraph, after "Commission" delete "may" and insert "shall also"; after "provided" delete "it shall determine in any case that the interests of justice so require—due regard being had to the necessary expense and to all other considerations involved" and insert in lieu thereof "either Commissioner shall so request if he shall be of opinion that the interests of justice shall so require, for reasons to be recorded on the minutes."

Article III, second paragraph, after "found" delete "in the award of" and insert "by"; after "concerning the same; and" delete "it shall be open to"; after "the United States" delete "if it shall think fit" and insert "shall have the right".

Article III, third paragraph, after "The said Commission" delete "shall have power to compel the testimony of witnesses"; after "San Francisco" delete "by application to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Ninth Circuit which said Court shall make all orders and issue all processes necessary and appropriate to that end; and, when sitting at Victoria" and insert "or Victoria"; after "for the procurement" strike out "and" and insert "or".

The text printed herein is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

² Date of rendition of award of \$473,151.26 against the United States (see Moore, *International Arbitrations*, vol. II, p. 2123).

³ TS 140-1, *ante*, p. 220.