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CITY COUNCIL--OFFICIAL

SPECIAL MEETING.

CITY HALL,
New Orleans, September 1, 1871.

A special meeting of the Council was held at noon to-day, at the request of the Administrator of Commerce.

Mayor Benj. F. Flanders presided, and there were present Administrators John Cockrem (Improvements), Alfred Shaw (Accounts), F. C. Remick (Commerce), James Lewis (Police), John S. Walton (Finance), and H. Bonzano (Assessments).

Absent: Administrator L. T. Delassize (Waterworks and Public Buildings).

Reports.

By Mr. Remick:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
September 1, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

A petition signed by the captains of thirty-six steamboats, and a number of merchants and brokers, asking for additional space for the landing and handling of freight on the levee, in the Second District, has had my attention, and, believing that such relief is greatly needed, I have the honor to offer the following.

F. C. REMICK, Administrator.

Resolved, That the space now occupied on the levee as a landing for sugar, etc., be enlarged so as to take in the levee front and wharf known as the St. Louis street steamship landing, measuring three hundred and twenty-six feet on the water line, and that the Administrator of Improvements be authorized to prepare said wharf and make such alterations as will make it a good and serviceable landing for steamboats; be it further

Resolved, That the vessels heretofore landing at the St. Louis street steamship landing be allowed to occupy that portion of the wharf known as the Picayune tier, from a point commencing at the Second District ferry landing, and running along said pier, and down the river a distance of three hundred and fifty feet.

Adopted.

By Mr. Remick:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
September 1, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

Having considered the petition of Paul Waterman, for permission to erect a booth of the "pagoda style of architecture," for the sale of newspapers," on the levee and "in close proximity to the landing of the steamboats," I beg leave to state that all other stands and stalls in that location have been recently declared nuisances, and ordered off the levee by the first of October next, with the view of giving the entire space to freight, etc. I believe that the erection of a pagoda booth in that location would be an obstacle to business, and therefore recommend that the petition be not granted.

F. C. REMICK, Administrator.

Adopted.

By Mr. Remick:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
September 1, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The petition of D. Keily, E. Cowden, E. Fernandez and twenty-five other dealers in drygoods, shoes, crockery-ware, etc., sets forth that they carry on business in the Bazar market, that some of them occupy more than one stall, and for which they pay additional dues to the lessee of said market; that demand is now made upon them by the license inspector, that they take out a license for each stall so occupied and separately numbered.

They ask the Council for relief from this demand, claiming that they should be made to pay but one license, for as many adjoining or contiguous stalls as they may rent and occupy in carrying on their business.

License ordinance No. 571, section 63, reads: "Every person keeping a stand in the Bazar market, twenty dollars."

I have the honor to recommend the following amendment to section 63, which will give petitioners in some measure the relief asked for.

F. C. REMICK, Administrator.

Be it ordained, by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That every person keeping a stand in the Bazar market shall pay one license of twenty dollars; provided, that said license does not entitle said person to occupy more than two contiguous stalls.

Be it further ordained, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Adopted.

By Mr. Remick:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
September 1, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

Mr. William Fagan petitions the Council to be released from a demand made against him by the Wharfinger of the Third District, for forty days' levee dues, at five dollars per day, on steamboat Marcella, amouting to two hundred dollars.

The Wharfinger makes this demand under ordinance No. 640, article 1332, section two, which reads: "From and after the first of January, 1853, the levee dues on all steamboats which shall moor or land in any part of the port of New Orleans shall be fixed as follows: Ten cents per ton, if in port not over five days, and five dollars per day after said five days shall have expired," etc. This ordinance has never been repealed. It has been amended, but not to affect the charge of five dollars per day after the five lay days which it allows have expired.

As the steamer Marcella was moored in the Third District in the port of New Orleans, the Wharfinger could not do otherwise than make the demand under the ordinance mentioned, interpreting it as it is written. If it be the decision of the Council that the meaning of the ordinance is "that all steamboats which shall moor or land in any part of the port of New Orleans" applies to those only which moor or land at any wharf or levee built or owned by the city of New Orleans, then I favor the granting of Mr. Fagan's petition, but the ordinance should be altered and stated more clearly. In the event of this construction by the Council, I respectfully offer the following resolution.

F. C. REMICK, Administrator.

Resolved, That the petition of William Fagan, asking to be released from paying levee dues on the steamboat Marcella, amounting to two hundred dollars, be granted, and the wharfinger of the Third District be instructed to deliver his bill for the same over to the Administrator of Accounts, and receive credit for the amount, as it now stands charged against the wharfinger in the accounts of the said Administrator.

Adopted.

Mr. Shaw moved a reconsideration of the vote taken on the pagoda newspaper stand report, and moved that it lay over till next meeting.

Agreed to.

The Waterworks Again.

Mr. Remick sent up the following letter to the Secretary to be read:

OFFICE OF THE NEW ORLEANS
Waterworks Company,
New Orleans, August 31, 1871.

To the Mayor and Administrators, etc.:

HON. SIRS—Serious charges having been brought against the gentlemen composing the New Orleans Waterworks Company, at the last session of your honorable body, by Administrators who pretend they have been offered bribes, it becomes our duty to demand an investigation of these charges, so that the people of this city may learn the exact facts in the controversy, and we respectfully request that you take such steps as will elicit full and true information as to the statements made of attempted bribery.

Yours respectfully,
J. HERNANDEZ, President.

Mr. Remick offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, At recent meetings of the Council, charges of attempted bribery, in connection with the Waterworks ordinance, have been made by certain members of the Council, and statements made from which an inference may be derived, that a number of the Council have received improper and material considerations for their votes, and

Whereas, It is just alike to the administrators, and to the people, whose servants they are, that the facts in connection with the alleged bribery and attempt at bribery, should be thoroughly investigated and made public; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three administrators be appointed by the president to thoroughly investigate the circumstances of the alleged offer of a bribe to Administrator Walton, and the taking of a bribe by Administrator Delassize; and, also, to ascertain if any attempts have been made to bribe other administrators.

Mr. Shaw seconded the resolution.

At the suggestion of Mr. Bonzano, the words "on the Mayor" were added to the end of the resolution.

Mr. Lewis said here was a committee of three Administrators appointed to examine one, but who was going to examine the committee?

Mr. Bonzano: That is not in the resolution.

Mr. Lewis: Then I move to amend by making it a committee of the whole to examine one another. There is no law against bribery or attempting to bribe. It is much ado about nothing.

Mr. Bonzano: The Council has a right to impeach.

Mr. Remick said it was usual in such cases to appoint a committee. If the matter were referred to a committee of the whole, it would look like shelving the investigation. He had made this resolution in good faith; he wanted only to get at the facts of the case. He was not afraid of any investigation, and he believed a majority of the Council were not.

Mr. Lewis said he was prepared to answer any questions which might be put to him, but he did not believe in the Council appointing a committee to investigate one another. He would like to have the power of examining the committee, but he would not like to examine a committee who had the power of examining him. A committee of citizens would be better.

Mr. Shaw suggested that a majority of the committee could examine the third member.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Mayor appointed Administrators Remick, Lewis and Bonzano the committee.

At the suggestion of Mr. Bonzano, the Mayor was added to the committee.

Mr. Remick said he was about to leave the city, but as Mr. Delassize was also absent he presumed there would be no important investigation until their return.

Mr. Shaw: Let the committee get along as well as they can.

Mr. Remick desired it to be understood that he did not go away to avoid the investigation.

Jury Warrants.

Mr. Shaw said the Mayor as well as himself had been waited upon to-day by a number of jurors of the First District Court who presented a jury roll for services during the month of August amounting to $1566. He looked over it and found it much more reasonable than usual. The jurors desired some more prompt way of payment, and in fact they came personally for their money. He felt disposed to do everything he could under the charter to aid them and consequently moved the following ordinance:

An ordinance for the settlement of certain claims for services on juries.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the sum of four hundred and ninety-five dollars be appropriated to pay the services of jurors who have preserved their warrants, and made proof of services for the month of August.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the further sum of four hundred and ninety-five dollars be appropriated for the payment of such jurors as have not presented their accounts and proved services, but may do so to the satisfaction of the Mayor.

Mr. Walton asked why jurors should have a preference.

Mr. Shaw said the amounts were small and very easily audited.

The ordinance was adopted.

Crescent City Waterworks Company.

Mr. Bonzano introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor's prompt action and the tenor of his response to demand of the Crescent City Waterworks Company for the delivery to them of the City Waterworks, be approved as expressing the sentiments and wishes of this Council.

Mr. Remick called for the adoption of the resolution by a yea and nay vote.

The yeas and nays were called, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Leave of absence for thirty days was given to Mr. Remick, and the Council then adjourned.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE,
Secretary.

An Important Arrest.

[From the St. Louis Republican.]

NEW YORK, August 28.—There was intense excitement in the Second avenue this evening, when the police arrested Dr. Jacob Rosensweig. The doctor is charged with producing an abortion on the body of the young woman whose remains were found in a trunk checked for Chicago on Saturday evening. The police, with difficulty, retained their prisoner, the crowd being determined to hang him to the nearest lamp post. A reinforcement of police was soon on the ground and the doctor was finally safely lodged in the Eighteenth ward stationhouse. He was arrested in a drinking saloon near his residence, but denies all knowledge of the affair. He says he never saw the trunk, never knew anything of the woman. The truck-driver, who is an intelligent man, however, pointed out the house without difficulty to the police and he is sure of his man. He presented himself voluntarily to the police headquarters to-day, gave a description of the house and told the police he had not heard of the story until to-day, else he would have presented himself to the police on Sunday. The arrest of the doctor causes a general feeling of satisfaction throughout the city.

Responsibility of Steamboat Officers.

NEW YORK, August 28.—In the general sessions to-day Recorder Hackett delivered a lengthy address to the jury who were reassembled to consider the bills of indictment against parties charged with criminal negligence in the explosion of the boiler of the steamer Westfield. He called attention to section sixteen, by which the captain, engineer or other person responsible were deemed guilty of manslaughter in the third degree if a boiler explodes and life is lost through the ignorance or gross neglect of such officers, and section nineteen, by which every other such killing, not murder, is manslaughter in the fourth degree; and said if the inspector did his work negligently, he should be indicted under the latter section. He also directed them that if the president and superintendent of the ferry company had such notice of incompetency of the engineer or insecurity of the boiler, as to require greater care and a more rigid inspection than was exercised, the grand jury should inquire if these officials did not contribute to the result by culpable negligence. The first section would also apply to the engineer. If common carriers could be made responsible for accidents to passengers, a great and beneficial example would be made. With the whole nation looking to this jury's judicial action in reference to this catastrophe, the court, grand jury and prosecuting officials should give no room for after reproaches from any quarter.

A spoiled child—The one that played with a kerosene lamp.

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TREATIES AND PROCLAMATIONS.

A PROCLAMATION by the President of the United of America. Treaty between the United States and Great Britain—Claims, fisheries, navigation of the St. Lawrence, etc., American lumber on the river St. John, boundary—Concluded May 8, 1871; ratifications exchanged June 17, 1871; proclaimed July 4, 1871.

Whereas, a treaty between the United States of America and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, concerning the settlement of all causes of difference between the two countries, was concluded and signed at Washington by the high commissioners and plenipotentiaries of the respective governments on the eighth day of May last; which treaty is, word for word, as follows:

The United States of America and Her Britannic Majesty, being desirous to provide for an amicable settlement of all causes of difference between the two countries, have for that purpose appointed their respective plenipotentiaries, that is to say: the President of the United States has appointed, on the part of the United States, as commissioners in a joint high commission and plenipotentiaries, Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State; Robert Cumming Schenck, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Great Britain; Samuel Nelson, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, of Massachusetts; and George Henry Williams, of Oregon; and Her Britanic Majesty, on her part, has appointed as her high commissioners and plenipotentiaries, the Right Honorable George Frederick Samuel, Earl de Grey and Earl of Ripon, Viscount Goderich, Baron Grantham, a Baronet, a peer of the United Kingdom, Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, etc., etc.; the Right Honorable Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, a member of Parliament, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, etc., etc.; Sir Edward Thornton, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Her Majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States of America; Sir John Alexander Macdonald, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, and Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Her Majesty's Dominion of Canada; and Mountague Bernard, Esquire, Chichele Professor of international law in the University of Oxford.

And the said plenipotentiaries, after having exchanged their full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

WHEREAS, Differences have arisen between the government of the United States and the government of Her Britannic Majesty, and still exist, growing out of the acts committed by the several vessels which have given rise to the claims generically known as the "Alabama claims:"

And whereas, Her Britannic Majesty has authorized her high commissioners and plenipotentiaries to express, in a friendly spirit, the regret felt by Her Majesty's government for the escape, under whatever circumstances, of the Alabama and other vessels from British ports, and for the depredations committed by those vessels:

Now, in order to remove and adjust all complaints and claims on the part of the United States, and to provide for the speedy settlement of such claims, which are not admitted by Her Britannic Majesty's government, the high contracting parties agree that all the said claims, growing out of acts committed by the aforesaid vessels and generically known as the "Alabama claims," shall be referred to a tribunal of arbitration to be composed of five arbitrators, to be appointed in the following manner, that is to say: One shall be named by the President of the United States; one shall be named by Her Britannic Majesty; His Majesty the King of Italy shall be requested to name one; the President of the Swiss Confederation shall be requested to name one; and His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil shall be requested to name one.

In case of the death, absence, or incapacity to serve of any or either of the said arbitrators, or, in the event of either of the said arbitrators omitting or declining or ceasing to act as such, the President of the United States, or Her Britannic Majesty, or His Majesty the King of Italy, or the President of the Swiss Confederation, or His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, as the case may be, may forthwith name another person to act as arbitrator in the place and stead of the arbitrator originally named by such head of a State.

And in the event of the refusal or omission for two months after receipt of the request from either of the high contracting parties of His Majesty the King of Italy, or the President of the Swiss Confederation, or His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, to name an arbitrator either to fill the original appointment or in the place of one who may have died, be absent, or incapacitated, or who may omit, decline, or from any cause cease to act as such arbitrator, His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway shall be requested to name one or more persons, as the case may be, to act as such arbitrator or arbitrators.

ARTICLE II.

The arbitrators shall meet at Geneva, Switzerland, at the earliest convenient day after they shall have been named, and shall proceed impartially and carefully to examine and decide all questions that shall be laid before them on the part of the governments of the United States and Her Britannic Majesty, respectively. All questions considered by the tribunal, including the final award, shall be decided by a majority of all the arbitrators.

Each of the high contracting parties shall also name one person to attend the tribunal as its agent to represent it generally in all matters connected with the arbitration.

ARTICLE III.

The written or printed case of each of the two parties, accompanied by the documents, the official correspondence, and other evidence on which each relies, shall be delivered in duplicate to each of the arbitrators and to the agent of the other party as soon as may be after the organization of the tribunal, but within a period not exceeding six months from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty.

ARTICLE IV.

Within four months after the delivery on both sides of the written or printed case, either party may, in like manner, deliver in duplicate to each of said arbitrators, and to the agent of the other party, a counter case and additional documents, correspondence and evidence in reply to the case, documents, correspondence and evidence so presented by the other party.

The arbitrators may, however, extend the time for delivering such counter case, documents, correspondence and evidence, when, in their judgment, it becomes necessary, in consequence of the distance of the place from which the evidence to be presented is to be procured.

If in the case submitted to the arbitrators either party shall have specified or alluded to any report or document in its own exclusive possession without annexing a copy, such party shall be bound, if the other party thinks proper to apply for it, to furnish that party with a copy thereof; and either party may call upon the other, through the arbitrators, to produce the originals or certified copies of any papers adduced as evidence, giving in each instance such reasonable notice as the arbitrators may require.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of the agent of each party, within two months after the expiration of the time limited for the delivery of the counter case on both sides, to deliver in duplicate to each of the said arbitrators and to the agent of the other party a written or printed argument showing the points and referring to the evidence upon which his government relies; and the arbitrators may, if they desire further elucidation with regard to any point, require a written or printed statement or argument, or oral argument by counsel upon it; but in such case the other party shall be entitled to reply either orally or in writing, as the case may be.

ARTICLE VI.

In deciding the matters submitted to the arbitrators, they shall be governed by the following three rules, which are agreed upon by the high contracting parties as rules to be taken as applicable to the case, and by such principles of international law not inconsistent therewith as the arbitrators shall determine to have been applicable to the case.

A neutral government is bound—

First, to use due diligence to prevent the fitting out, arming, or equipping, within its jurisdiction, of any vessel which it has reasonable ground to believe is intended to cruise or carry on war against a power with which it is at peace; and also to use like diligence to prevent the departure from its jurisdiction of any vessel intended to cruise or carry on war as above, such vessel having been specially adapted, in whole or in part, within such jurisdiction, to warlike use.

Secondly, not to permit or suffer either belligerent to make use of its ports or waters as the base of naval operations against the other, or for the purpose of the renewal or augmentation of military supplies or arms, or the recruitment of men.

Thirdly, to exercise due diligence in its own ports and waters, and, as to all persons within its jurisdiction, to prevent any violation of the foregoing obligations and duties.

Her Britannic Majesty has commanded her high commissioners and plenipotentiaries to declare that Her Majesty's government can not assent to the foregoing rules as a statement of principles of international law which were in force at the time when the claims mentioned in Article I arose, but that Her Majesty's government, in order to evince its desire of strengthening the friendly relations between the two countries and of making satisfactory provision for the future, agrees that in deciding the questions between the two countries arising out of those claims, the arbitrators should assume that Her Majesty's government had undertaken to act upon the principles set forth in these rules.

And the high contracting parties agree to observe these rules as between themselves in future, and to bring them to the knowledge of other maritime powers, and to invite them to accede to them.

ARTICLE VII.

The decision of the tribunal shall, if possible, be made within three months from the close of the argument on both sides.

It shall be made in writing and dated, and shall be signed by the arbitrators who may assent to it.

The said tribunal shall first determine as to each vessel separately whether Great Britain has, by any act or omission, failed to fulfill any of the duties set forth in the foregoing three rules, or recognized by the principles of international law not inconsistent with such rules, and shall certify such fact as to each of the said vessels. In case the tribunal find that Great Britain has failed to fulfill any duty or duties as aforesaid, it may, if it think proper, proceed to award a sum in gross to be paid by Great Britain to the United States for all claims referred to it; and in such case the gross sum so awarded shall be paid in coin by the government of Great Britain to the government of the United States at Washington, within twelve months after the date of the award.

The award shall be in duplicate, one copy whereof shall be delivered to the agent of the United States for his government, and the other copy shall be delivered to the agent of Great Britain for his government.

ARTICLE VIII.

Each government shall pay its own agent, and provide for the proper remuneration of the counsel employed by it and of the arbitrator appointed by it, and for the expense of preparing and submitting its case to the tribunal. All other expenses connected with the abitration shall be defrayed by the two governments in equal moieties.

ARTICLE IX.

The arbitrators shall keep an accurate record of their proceedings, and may appoint and employ the necessary officers to assist them.

ARTICLE X.

In case the tribunal finds that Great Britain has failed to fulfil any duty or duties as aforesaid, and does not award a sum in gross, the high contracting parties agree that a board of assessors shall be appointed to ascertain and determine what claims are valid, and what amount or amounts shall be paid by Great Britain to the United States on account of the liability arising from such failure, as to each vessel, according to the extent of such liability as decided by the arbitrators.

The board of assessors shall be constituted as follows: One member thereof shall be named by the President of the United States, one member thereof shall be named by Her Brittannic Majesty; and one member thereof shall be named by the representative at Washington of His Majesty the King of Italy; and in case of a vacancy happening from any cause, it shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

As soon as possible after such nominations the board of assessors shall be organized in Washington, with power to hold their sittings there, or in New York, or in Boston. The members thereof shall severally subscribe a solemn declaration that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide, to the best of their judgment and according to justice and equity, all matters submitted to them, and shall forthwith proceed, under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, to the investigation of the claims which shall be presented to them by the government of the United States, and shall examine and decide upon them in such order and manner as they may think proper, but upon such evidence or information only as shall be furnished by or on behalf of the governments of the United States and of Great Britain, respectively. They shall be bound to hear on each separate claim, if required, one person on behalf of each government, as counsel or agent. A majority of the assessors in each case shall be sufficient for a decision.

The decision of each assessor shall be given upon each claim in writing, and shall be signed by them respectively and dated.

Each claim shall be presented to the assessors within six months from the day of their first meeting, but they may, for good cause shown, extend the time for the presentation of any claim to a further period, not exceeding three months.

The assessors shall report to each government at or before the expiration of one year from the date of their first meeting the amount of claims decided by them up to the date of such report; if further claims then remain undecided, they shall make a further report at or before the expiration of two years from the date of such first meeting; and in case any claims remain undetermined at that time, they shall make a final report within a further period of six months.

The report or reports shall be made in duplicate, and one copy thereof shall be delivered to the Secretary of State of the United States, and one copy thereof to the representative of Her Britannic Majesty at Washington.

All sums of money which may be awarded under this article shall be payable at Washington, in coin, within twelve months after the delivery of each report.

The board of assessors may employ such clerks as they shall think necessary.

The expenses of the board of assessors shall be borne equally by the two governments, and paid from time to time, as may be found expedient, on the production of accounts certified by the board. The remuneration of the assessors shall also be paid by the two governments in equal moieties in a similar manner.

ARTICLE XI.

The high contracting parties engage to consider the result of the proceedings of the tribunal of arbitration and of the board of assessors, should such board be appointed, as a full, perfect and final settlement of all the claims hereinbefore referred to; and further engage that every such claim, whether the same may or may not have been presented to the notice of, made, preferred, or laid before the tribunal or board, shall, from and after the conclusion of the proceedings of the tribunal or board, be considered and treated as finally settled, barred, and thenceforth inadmissible.

ARTICLE XII.

The high contracting parties agree that all claims on the part of corporations, companies, or private individuals, citizens of the United States, upon the government of Her Britannic Majesty, arising out of acts committed against the persons or property of the citizens of the United States during the period between the thirteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the ninth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, inclusive, not being claims growing out of the acts of the vessels referred to in article one of this treaty, and all claims, with the like exception, on the part of corporations, companies, or private individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, upon the government of the United States, arising out of acts committed against the persons or property of subjects of Her Britannic Majesty during the same period, which may have been presented to either government for its interposition with the other, and which may yet remain unsettled, as well as any other such claim which may be presented within the time specified in article xiv of this treaty, shall be referred to three commissioners, to be appointed in the following manner, that is to say: One commissioner shall be named by the President of the United States, one by Her Britannic Majesty, and a third by the President of the United States and Her Brittanic Majesty conjointly; and in case the third commissioner shall not have been so named within a period of three months from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty, then the third commissioner shall be named by the representative at Washington of His Majesty the King of Spain. In case of the death, absence, or incapacity of any commissioner, or in the event of any commissioner omitting or ceasing to act, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided for making the original appointment; the period of three months in case of such substitution being calculated from the date of the happening of the vacancy.

The commissioners so named shall meet at Washington at the earliest convenient period after they have been respectively named; and shall, before proceeding to any business, make and subscribe a solemn declaration that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide, to the best of their judgment, and according to justice and equity, all such claims as shall be laid before them on the part of the governments of the United States and of Her Britanic Majesty, respectively; and such declaration shall be entered on the record of their proceedings.

ARTICLE XIII.

The commissioner shall then forthwith proceed to the investigation of the claims which shall be presented to them. They shall investigate and decide such claims in such order and such manner as they may think proper, but upon such evidence or information only as shall be furnished by or on behalf of the respective governments. They shall be bound to receive and consider all written documents or statements which may be presented to them by or on behalf of the respective governments in support of, or in answer to, any claim, and to hear, if required, one person on each side, on behalf of each government, on each and every separate claim. A majority of the commissioners shall be sufficient for an award in each case. The award shall be given upon each claim in writing, and shall be signed by the commissioners assenting to it. It shall be competent for each government to name one person to attend the commissioners as its agent, to present and support claims on its behalf, and to answer claims made upon it, and to represent it generally in all matters connected with the investigation and decision thereof.

The high contracting parties hereby engage to consider the decision of the commissioners as absolutely final and conclusive upon each claim decided upon by them, and to give full effect to such decisions without any objection, evasion or delay whatsoever.

ARTICLE XIV.

Every claim shall be presented to the commissioners within six months from the day of their first meeting, unless in any case where reasons for delay shall be established to the satisfaction of the commissioners, and then, and in any such case, the period for presenting the claim may be extended by them to any time not exceeding three months longer.

The commissioners shall be bound to examine and decide upon every claim within two years from the day of their first meeting. It shall be competent for the commissioners to decide in each case whether any claim has or has not been duly made, preferred, and laid before them, either wholly or to any and what extent, according to the true intent and meaning of this treaty.

ARTICLE XV.

All sums of money which may be awarded by the commissioners on account of any claim shall be paid by the one government to the other, as the case may be, within twelve months after the date of the final award, without interest, and without any deduction save as specified in article xvi of this treaty.

ARTICLE XVI.

The commissioners shall keep an accurate record, and correct minutes or notes of all their proceedings, with the dates thereof, and may appoint and employ a secretary, and any other necessary officer or officers, to assist them in the transaction of the business which may come before them.

Each government shall pay its own commissioner and agent or counsel. All other expenses shall be defrayed by the two governments in equal moieties.

The whole expenses of the commission, including contingent expenses, shall be defrayed by a ratable deduction on the amount of the sums awarded by the commissioners, provided always that such deduction shall not exceed the rate of five per cent on the sums so awarded.

ARTICLE XVII.

The high contracting parties engage to consider the result of the proceedings of this commission as a full, perfect and final settlement of all such claims as are mentioned in article XII of this treaty upon either government; and fur her engage that every such claim, whether or not the same may have been presented to the notice of, made, preferred or laid before the said commission, shall, from and after the conclusion of the proceedings of the said commission, be considered and treated as finally settled, barred, and thenceforth inadmissible.

ARTICLE XVIII.

It is agreed by the high contracting parties that, in addition to the liberty secured to the United States fishermen by the convention between the United States and Great Britain, signed at London on the twentieth day of October, 1818, of taking, curing, and drying fish on certain coasts of the British North American colonies therein defined, the inhabitants of the United States shall have, in common with the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, the liberty, for the term of years mentioned in article xxxiii of this treaty, to take fish of every kind, except shell-fish, on the sea-coasts and shores, and in the bays, harbors, and creeks, of the provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the colony of Prince Edward's Island, and of the several islands thereunto adjacent, without being restricted to any distance from the shore, with permission to land upon the said coasts and shores and islands, and also upon the Magdalen Islands, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish; provided that, in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property, or with British fishermen, in the peaceable use of any part of the said coasts in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above-mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that the salmon and shad fisheries, and all other fisheries in rivers and the mouths of rivers, are hereby reserved exclusively for British fishermen.

ARTICLE XIX.

It is agreed by the high contracting parties that British subjects shall have, in common with the citizens of the United States, the liberty, for the term of years mentioned in article xxxiii of this treaty, to take fish of every kind, except shell fish, on the eastern seacoasts and shores of the United States, north of the thirty-ninth parallel of north latitude, and the shores of the several islands thereunto adjacent, and in the bays, harbors, and creeks of the said seacoasts and shores of the United States and of the said islands, without being restricted to any distance from the shore, with permission to land upon the said coasts of the United States and of the islands aforesaid, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish; provided, that in so doing they do not interfere with the rights of private property, or with the fishermen of the United States in the peaceable use of any part of the said coasts in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that salmon and shad fisheries, and all other fisheries in rivers and mouths of rivers, are hereby reserved exclusively for fishermen of the United States.

ARTICLE XX.

It is agreed that the places designated by the commissioners appointed under the first article of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, concluded at Washington on the fifth of June, 1854, upon the coasts of Her Britannic Majesty's dominions and the United States, as places reserved from the common right of fishing under that treaty, shall be regarded as in like manner reserved from the common right of fishing under the preceding articles. In case any question should arise between the governments of the United States and Her Britannic Majesty as to the common right of fishing in places not thus designated as reserved, it is agreed that a commission shall be appointed to designate such places, and shall be constituted in the same manner, and have the same powers, duties and authority as the commission appointed under the said first article of the treaty of the fifth of June, 1854.

ARTICLE XXI.

It is agreed that, for the term of years mentioned in article xxxiii of this treaty, fish oil and fish of all kinds (except fish of the inland lakes, and of the rivers falling into them, and except fish preserved in oil), being the produce of the fisheries of the United States, or of the Dominion of Canada, or of Prince Edward's Island, shall be admitted into each country, respectively, free of duty.

ARTICLE XXII.

Inasmuch as it is asserted by the government of Her Britannic Majesty that the privileges accorded to the citizens of the United States under article xviii of this treaty are of greater value than those accorded by articles xix and xxi of this treaty to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, and this assertion is not admitted by the government of the United States, it is further agreed that commisioners shall be appointed to determine, having regard to the privileges accorded by the United States to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, as stated in articles xix and xxi of this treaty, the amount of any compensation which, in their opinion, ought to be paid by the government of the United States to the government of Her Britannic Majesty in return for the privileges accorded to the citizens of the United States under article xviii of this treaty; and that any sum of money which the said commissioners may so award shall be paid by the United States government in a gross sum within twelve months after such award shall have been given.

ARTICLE XXIII.

The commissioners referred to in the preceding article shall be appointed in the following manner, that is to say: One commissioner shall be named by the President of the United States, one by Her Britannic Majesty, and a third by the President of the United States and Her Britannic Majesty conjointly; and in case the third commissioner shall not have been so named within a period of three months from the date when this article shall take effect, then the third commissioner shall be named by the representative at London of His Majesty the Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary. In case of the death, absence, or incapacity of any commissioner, or in the event of any commissioner omitting or ceasing to act, the vacancy shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided for making the original appointment, the period of three months in case of such substitution being calculated from the date of the happening of the vacancy.

The commissioners so named shall meet in the city of Halifax, in the province of Nova Scotia, at the earliest convenient period after they have been respectively named, and shall, before proceeding to any business, make and subscribe a solemn declaration that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide the matters referred to them to the best of their judgment, and according to justice and equity; and such declaration shall be entered on the record of their proceedings.

Each of the high contracting parties shall also name one person to attend the commission as its agent, to represent it generally in all matters connected with the commission.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The proceedings shall be conducted in such order as the commissioners appointed under articles xxii and xxiii of this treaty shall determine. They shall be bound to receive such oral or written testimony as either government may present. If either party shall offer oral testimony, the other party shall have the right of cross-examination, under such rules as the commissioners shall prescribe.

If in the case submitted to the commissioners either party shall have specified or alluded to any report or document in its own exclusive possession, without annexing a copy, such party shall be bound, if the other party thinks proper to apply for it, to furnish that party with a copy thereof; and either party may call upon the other, through the commissioners, to produce the originals or certified copies of any papers adduced as evidence, giving in each instance such reasonable notice as the commissioners may require.

The case on either side shall be closed within a period of six months from the date of the organization of the commission, and the commissioners shall be requested to give their award as soon as possible thereafter. The aforesaid period of six months may be extended for three months in case of a vacancy occurring among the commissioners under the circumstances contemplated in article xxiii of this treaty.

ARTICLE XXV.

The commisioners shall keep an accurate record and correct minutes or notes of all their proceedings, with the dates thereof, and may appoint and employ a secretary and any other necessary officer or officers to assist them in the transaction of the business which may come before them.

Each of the high contracting parties shall pay its own commissioner and agent or counsel; all other expenses shall be defrayed by the two governments in equal moieties.

ARTICLE XXVI.

The navigation of the river St. Lawrence, ascending and descending, from the forty-fifth parallel of north latitude, where it ceases to form the boundary between the two countries, from, to, and into the sea, shall forever remain free and open for the purposes of commerce to the citizens of the United States, subject to any laws and regulations of Great Britain, or of the Dominion of Canada, not inconsistent with such privilege of free navigation.

The navigation of the rivers Yukon, Porcupine and Stikine, ascending and descending, from, to, and into the sea, shall forever remain free ond open for the purposes of commerce to the subjects of her Britannic Majesty and to the citizens of the United States, subject to any laws and regulations of either country within its own territory, not inconsistent with such privilege of free navigation.

ARTICLE XXVII.

The government of Her Britannic Majesty engages to urge upon the government of the Dominion of Canada to secure to the citizens of the United States the use of the Welland, St. Lawrence, and other canals in the Dominion on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the Dominion; and the government of the United States engages that the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty shall enjoy the use of the St. Clair Flats canal on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the United States, and further engages to urge upon the State governments to secure to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty the use of the several State canals connected with the navigation of the lakes or rivers traversed by or contiguous to the boundary line between the possessions of the high contracting parties, on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the United States.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

The navigation of Lake Michigan shall also, for the term of years, mentioned in article xxxiii of this treaty, be free and open for the purposes of commerce to the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, subject to any laws and regulations of the United States or of the States bordering thereon not inconsistent with such privilege of free navigation.

ARTICLE XXIX.

It is agreed that, for the term of years mentioned in article xxxiii of this treaty, goods, wares or merchandise arriving at the ports of New York, Boston and Portland, and any other ports in the United States which have been or may, from time to time, be specially designated by the President of the United States, and destined for Her Britannic Majesty's possessions in North America, may be entered at the proper customhouse and conveyed in transit, without the payment of duties, through the territory of the United States, under such rules, regulations and conditions for the protection of the revenue as the government of the United States may from time to time prescribe; and under like rules, regulations and conditions, goods, wares or merchandise may be conveyed in transit, without the payment of duties, from such possessions through the territory of the United States for export from the said ports of the United States.

It is further agreed that, for the like period, goods, wares or merchandise arriving at any of the ports of Her Britannic Majesty's possessions in North America, and destined for the United States, may be entered at the proper customhouse and conveyed in transit, without the payment of duties, through the said possessions, under such rules and regulations, and conditions for the protection of the revenue as the governments of the said possessions may from time to time prescribe; and, under like rules, regulations, and conditions, goods, wares, or merchandise may be conveyed in transit, without payment of duties, from the United States through the said possessions to other places in the United States, or for export from ports in the said possessions.

ARTICLE XXX.

It is agreed that, for the term of years mentioned in article xxxiii of this treaty, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty may carry in British vessels, without payment of duty, goods, wares, or merchandise from one port or place within the territory of the United States upon the St. Lawrence, the Great Lakes, and the rivers connecting the same, to another port or place within the territory of the United States as aforesaid; provided, that a portion of such transportation is made through the Dominion of Canada by land carriage and in bond, under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon between the government of Her Britannic Majesty and the government of the United States.

Citizens of the United States may for the like period carry in United States vessels, without payment of duty, goods, wares, or merchandise from one port or place within the possessions of Her Britannic Majesty in North America to another port or place within the said possessions; provided, that a portion of such transportation is made through the territory of the United States by land carriage and in bond, under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon between the government of the United States and the government of Her Britannic Majesty.

The government of the United States further engages not to impose any export duties on goods, wares, or merchandise carried under this article through the territory of the United States; and Her Majesty's government engages to urge the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada and the legislatures of the other colonies not to impose any export duties on good, wares, or merchandise carried under this article; and the government of the United States may, in case such export duties are imposed by the Dominion of Canada, suspend, during the period that such duties are imposed, the right of carrying granted under this article in favor of the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty.

The government of the United States may suspend the right of carrying granted in favor of the subjects of Her Britannic Majesty under this article, in case the Dominion of Canada should at any time deprive the citizens of the United States of the use of the canals in the said Dominion on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the Dominion, as provided in article xxvii.

ARTICLE XXXI.

The government of Her Britannic Majesty further engages to urge upon the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada and the Legislature of New Brunswick, that no export duty, or other duty, shall be levied on lumber or timber of any kind cut on that portion of the American territory in the State of Maine watered by the river St. John and its tributaries, and floated down that river to the sea, when the same is shipped to the United States from the Province of New Brunswick. And, in case any such export or other duty continues to be levied after the expiration of one year from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty, it is agreed that the government of the United States may suspend the right of carrying hereinbefore granted under article xxx of this treaty for such period as such export or other duty may be levied.

ARTICLE XXXII.

It is further agreed that the provisions and stipulations of articles xviii to xxv of this treaty, inclusive, shall extend to the colony of Newfoundland, so far as they are applicable. But if the Imperial Parliament, the Legislature of Newfoundland, or the Congress of the United States, shall not embrace the colony of Newfounland in their laws enacted for carrying the foregoing articles into effect, then this article shall be of no effect; but the omission to make provision by law to give it effect, by either of the legislative bodies aforesaid, shall not in any way impair any other articles of this treaty.

ARTICLE XXXIII.

The foregoing articles xviii to xxv, inclusive, and article xxx of this treaty, shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry them into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, by the Parliament of Canada, and by the Legislature of Prince Edward's Island on the one hand, and by the Congress of the United States on the other. Such assent having been given, the said articles shall remain in force for the period of ten years from the date at which they may come into operation; and further until the expiration of two years after either of the high contracting parties shall have given notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same; each of the high contracting parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said period of ten years or at any time afterward.

ARTICLE XXXIV.

Whereas, it was stipulated by article one of the treaty concluded at Washington on the fifteenth of June, 1846, between the United States and Her Britannic Majesty, that the line of boundary between the territories of the United States and those of Her Britannic Majesty, from the point on the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude up to which it had already been ascertained, should be continued westward along the said parallel of north latitude "to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouver's Island, and thence southerly, through the middle of said channel and of Fuca Straits, to the Pacific Ocean; and whereas, the commissioners appointed by the two high contracting parties to determine that portion of the boundary which runs southerly through the middle of the channel aforesaid, were unable to agree upon the same; and whereas, the government of Her Britannic Majesty claims that such boundary line should, under the terms of the treaty above recited, be run through the Rosario Straits, and the government of the United States claims that it should be run through the Canal de Haro, it is agreed that the respective claims of the government of the United States and of the government of Her Britannic Majesty shall be submitted to the arbitration and award of His Majesty the Emperor of Germany, who, having regard to the above mentioned article of the said treaty, shall decide thereupon, finally and without appeal, which of those claims is most in accordance with the true interpretation of the treaty of June 15, 1846.

ARTICLE XXXV.

The award of His Majesty the Emperor of Germany shall be considered as absolutely final and conclusive; and full effect shall be given to such award without any objection, evasion, or delay whatsoever. Such decision shall be given in writing and dated; it shall be in whatsoever form His Majesty may choose to adopt; it shall be delivered to the representatives or other public agents of the United States and of Great Britain, respectively, who may be actually at Berlin, and shall be considered as operative from the day of the date of the delivery thereof.

ARTICLE XXXVI.

The written or printed case of each of the two parties, accompanied by the evidence