ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE ET PÉROU

Protocole relatif à l'arbitrage de la réclamation Landreau contre le Pérou, signé à Lima le 21 mai 1921.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND PERU

Protocol for arbitration of the Landreau claim against Peru, signed at Lima, May 21, 1921.

No. 150. — PROTOCOL FOR ARBITRATION OF THE LANDREAU CLAIM AGAINST PERU 1, SIGNED AT LIMA, MAY 21, 1921.

English and Spanish official texts communicated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru. The registration of this Protocol took place on August 19, 1921

The Government of the Republic of Peru, and the Government of the United States of America not having been able to reach an agreement concerning the claim against Peru of the heirs and assigns of the American citizen, John Celestin Landreau, arising out of a decree of October 24, 1865, of the Government of Peru, providing for the payment of rewards to John Theophile Landreau, brother of John Celestin Landreau, for the discovery of guano deposits, and out of contracts between John Theophile Landreau and John Celestin Landreau entered into on or about April 6, 1859, and October 29th, 1875, which claim is supported by the Government of the United States, have resolved to submit the question for decision to an International Arbitral Commission, and to that end have named their respective plenipotentiaries, that is to say, the President of Peru, doctor Alberto Salomon, Minister of Foreign Relations, and the President of the United States, William E. Gonzales, Ambassador of the United States at Lima, who, after having exchanged their full powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

Article 1.

The questions to be determined by the Arbitral Commission are: first, whether the release granted the Peruvian Government in 1892 by John-Theophile Landreau eliminated any claim which John Celestin Landreau, the American citizen, may have had against the Peruvian Government, and if all claims were not thereby extinguished then, second: what sum if any is equitably due the heirs or assigns of John Celestin Landreau.

Article 2.

The Commission shall be composed of three members as follows:

The Government of Peru and the Government of the United States shall each, within thirty days after this Protocol becomes effective, appoint one Commissioner, and these two shall, within ninety days after this Protocol becomes effective, select a third Commissioner, who shall act as

¹ D'après une note en date du 15 octobre 1921 émanant du Ministre des Relations extérieures du Pérou, le présent Protocole a été mis en exécution immédiatement après sa signature, sa conclusion étant autorisée par la Convention générale d'arbitrage conclue entre le Pérou et les Etats-Unis d'Amérique le 5 décembre 1908. (Voir British and Foreign State Papers, vol. 102, page 753.)

President of the Commission, and shall be a national of either Denmark, Great Britain or the Netherlands.

If, at the termination of the ninety days period just mentioned, they are unable to agree upon a third Commissioner, he shall be selected, within a further period of thirty days, by the Queen of the Netherlands, provided she is willing.

Article 3.

All vacancies occurring from death, resignation or otherwise, in the membership of the Commission, shall be filled as was the original appointment, within thirty days from the occurrence of such vacancy.

Article 4.

The Commission shall, with the consent of the respective Government, meet at the residence place of the President of the Commission, within sixty days after the case is ready for consideration, according to the 2nd paragraph of Article 10 of this Protocol, and shall hold all of its sessions in the same place.

Article 5.

The concurrent action of any two members of the Commission shall be adequate for a decision on all matters coming before them, including the making of the final award.

Article 6.

The Government of Peru and the Government of the United States shall each be entitled to appoint an Agent for the presentation and argument of its case before the Commission.

Article 7.

The Commission shall keep a record of all its proceedings. For this purpose the President of the Commission shall appoint a Secretary who shall be of his own nationality.

Article 8.

In the presentation of its documents, evidence, correspondence or arguments to the Commission, either party may use the English or the Spanish language.

Article 9.

Either party may demand from the other the discovery of any fact or of any document deemed to be or to contain material evidence for the party asking it. Any document desired shall be described with sufficient accuracy for identification, and the demanded discovery shall be made by delivering a statement of the fact or by depositing a copy of such document (certified by its lawful custodian, if it be a public document and verified as such by the possessor, if a private one) to the Foreign Office of the demanding Government which shall be given opportunity to examine the original through its duly accredited diplomatic representatives. If notice of the desired discovery be given too late to be answered ten days before the Commission herein provided for shall sit for hearings, then the answer desired thereto shall be filed with or documents produced before the Commission as speedily as possible.

Article 10.

The case of the United States and supporting evidence shall be presented to the Government of Peru through its duly accredited representative at Washington as soon as possible, and, at the latest, within four months, from the date when this agreement becomes effective. The Government of Peru shall submit in like manner, through its representative at Washington, its full answer to such case within five months from the date of the presentation of the case of the United States. The Government of the United States shall present in like manner its reply to the answer of the Peruvian Government, which reply shall contain only matters in reply to the case of the Government of Peru, within three months from the date of the filing of the Peruvian answer, and Peru may, in like manner, within four months present a reply to the reply of the Government of thl United States. The allegations and documents of each party shall be presented at least in quintuplicate.

The case shall then be ready for consideration by the Commission, which shall hear arguments by the Agents of the respective Governments, and, in its discretion, may, after convening, call for further documents, evidence or correspondence from either Government; and such further documents, evidence or correspondence, shall if possible be furnished within sixty days from the date of the call. If not so furnished within the time specified, a decision in the case may be given without the use of said documents, evidence or correspondence.

Article II.

The decision of the Commission shall be rendered within four months from the date of its first meeting, unless the Commission, for reasons which shall be communicated to both Governe ments, shall find it imperatively necessary to extend the time. The decision, when made, shalbe forthwith communicated to the Governments at Lima and Washington. It shall be accepted as final and binding upon the two Governments.

Article 12.

The amount granted by the award, if there should be any, shall be made payable in gold coin of the United States, at the Department of State, Washington, within one year after the rendition of the decision by the Commission, with interest at six per centum per annum, beginning to run one month after the rendition of the decision.

Article 13.

Each of the parties hereto shall pay its own expenses and one half of the common expenses of the Arbitration. Each Government shall pay the salary and expenses of the Commission appointed by it, but the salary and expenses of the third Commissioner and of the Secretary shall be included in the common expenses of the Arbitration.

In faith whereof, they have drawn up the present protocol, in duplicate, in like terms in Spanish and English, signing and sealing it with their private seals, in Lima, this twenty-first day of May one thousand nine hundred and twenty one.

(L. S.) (Signed): A. SALOMON.

(L. S.) (Signed): WILLIAM E. GONZALES.

Es copia conforme, El Oficial Mayor de Relaciones Exteriores.

(Signed) Cesar A. ELGUERA.