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## NOTIFICATION.

**W**HEREAS there was concluded between Her Majesty and the Emperor of Brazil, on the 2nd day of June, 1858, a Convention in the following terms, for the settlement of outstanding claims, by means of a Mixed Commission:

WHEREAS claims have at various times since the date of the Declaration of Independence of the Brazilian Empire been made upon the Government of Her Britannic Majesty on the part of Corporations, Companies, and private individuals, subjects of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, and upon the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil on the part of Corporations, Companies, and private individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty; and whereas some of such claims are still pending, or are still considered by either of the two Governments to remain unsettled; Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, being of opinion that the settlement of all such claims will contribute much to the maintenance of the friendly feelings which subsist between the two countries, have resolved to make arrangements for that purpose by means of a Convention, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Honourable Peter Campbell Scarlett, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Rio de Janeiro, &c., &c., &c.

And His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, the Most Illustrious and Most Excellent Sergio Teixeira de Macedo, Member of His Council, holding rank as His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Great Cross of the Order of the Rose, and of that of Christ of Portugal, Commander of the Orders of St. Gregory Magnus, of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus, and of the Imperial Angelic and Constantinian Order of St. George, Member of the Chamber of Deputies, &c., &c., &c.

Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:—

### ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties agree that all claims on the part of Corporations, Companies, or

private individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, upon the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, and all claims on the part of Corporations, Companies, or private individuals, subjects of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, upon the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, which may have been presented to either Government for its interposition with the other since the date of the Declaration of Independence of the Brazilian Empire, and which yet remain unsettled, or are considered to be still unsettled, by either of the two Governments, as well as any other such claims which may be presented within the time specified in Article III hereinafter, shall be referred to two Commissioners, to be appointed in the following manner; that is to say: one Commissioner shall be named by Her Britannic Majesty, and one by His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil.

Her Britannic Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, respectively, shall appoint a Secretary to the Commission, who shall be empowered to act as Commissioner in case of the temporary incapacity or absence of the Commissioner of his Government, and also in case of the death, definite absence, or incapacity of the said Commissioner, or in the event of his omitting or ceasing to act as such, until the appointment of, and assumption of his duties by, another Commissioner in the place or stead of the said Commissioner.

In the case of the death, or definite absence, or incapacity of the Commissioner on either side, or in the event of the Commissioner on either side omitting or ceasing to act as such, Her Britannic Majesty, or His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, respectively, shall forthwith name another person to act as Commissioner, in the place or stead of the Commissioner originally named.

In case of the Secretary on either side being appointed permanently Commissioner, Her Britannic Majesty or His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, respectively, shall forthwith name another person to be Secretary in the place or stead of the Secretary originally named.

The Commissioners shall meet at Rio de Janeiro, at the earliest convenient period after they shall have been 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, without fear, favour, or affection to their own country, upon all such claims as shall be laid