

The appointment of the said officers shall be made by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Chile.

The decrees of the Mixed Commission which have to be carried out in Chile shall have the assistance of the Executive in the same manner as those issued by the ordinary Tribunals of the country.

Those which have to take effect abroad shall do so in accordance with the rules and usages of private international right.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The claims shall be presented to the Mixed Commission within the six months following the date of its first session, and those claims which are presented after that term has elapsed shall not be admitted. If, however, on the expiration of the term established in this paragraph, the war should still continue, and fresh claims arise, founded on events which may thereby occur, the Mixed Commission shall be considered as empowered to arbitrate thereon, provided always that those claims are presented six months previous to the time assigned in Article IX. for the Commission to fulfil its charge.

For the purposes of the rules embodied in the preceding paragraph, the Mixed Commission shall publish in the "Diario Oficial" of the Republic of Chile a notice in which the date of its installation shall be expressed.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The term of two years shall be given to the Commission, from the day of its first meeting, to examine and decide upon every claim. But if, in consequence of sickness, temporary inability of any of its members, or from other sufficient cause, it may have been unable to fulfil its charge within such term, the Commission shall be empowered to prorogue its sessions for a further term which shall not exceed six months.

#### ARTICLE X.

Each of the Contracting Governments shall defray its own expenses and the remuneration of its respective Agents or counsel.

The expenses attending the organization of the Mixed Commission, the compensation to its members, and the salaries of its secretaries, reporters, or other officers, and other expenses and costs of common service, shall be defrayed by the two Governments in equal moieties. But should there be sums awarded in favour of the claimants, the aforementioned expenses and costs shall be deducted therefrom, provided that such deductions do not exceed 6 per cent. of the amount of which the Treasury of Chile may have to pay for the total of the accepted claims.

The sums which the Mixed Commission may award in favour of the claimants shall be paid by the Government of Chile to the British Legation, or to the party whom it may name, within the term of one year after the date of the respective sentence, and during said term no interest shall accrue on the said sums in favour of the claimants.

#### ARTICLE XI.

The High Contracting Parties agree to consider the sentences of the Mixed Commission organized by this Convention as a satisfactory, perfect, and irrevocable settlement of difficulties the adjustment of which has been held in view, and with the understanding that all the claims of British subjects presented or omitted to be presented in the manner set forth shall be considered as decided and definitively adjudged in such manner as to exclude every motive or pretext for their further examination or discussion.

And whereas the ratifications of the said Convention were exchanged at Santiago, on the 2nd June, 1883;

And whereas James de Vismes Drummond Hay, Esq., C.B., Her Majesty's Consul at Valparaiso, has been appointed Agent for Her Majesty's Government, and is authorised to receive any claims of British subjects coming within the provisions of the aforesaid Convention.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons, subjects of Her Majesty, who may have claims of the nature above described, and which they desire to have laid before the Commissioners, must, in conformity with the provisions of the said Convention, transmit forthwith to James de Vismes Drummond Hay, Esq., C.B., the particulars of their claims, together with the requisite documents, evidence, or information in support thereof for the purpose of being submitted to the Commissioners.

Further notice will be given of the day of the first meeting of the Commission.

*Foreign Office, April 9, 1884.*

IT is hereby notified that Earl Granville, K.G., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a letter from the Netherlands Minister in this country notifying that a portion of the West Coast of Acheen, including the districts of Ketapang-Pa-ir, Panga, Tenom, and Waylah, has been declared to be in a state of blockade.

*Admiralty, April 10, 1884.*

A DESPATCH, of which the following is a copy, from Commander Ernest Rolfe, dated at Suakin, 16th March, 1884, forwarded by Rear-Admiral Sir William Hewett, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., V.C., Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Ships on the East Indian Station has been received at the Admiralty.

*Proceedings of Naval Brigade.*

SIR, *Suakin, March 16, 1884.*

IN compliance with your orders the Naval Brigade (composed as per margin)\* marched from Suakin, at seven p.m., on the 11th instant, arriving at the first zeriba at half-past eleven p.m., where they bivouacked for the night.

2. The Naval Brigade left the zeriba on the following day at one p.m., and at half-past five p.m., the enemy was observed, but retired as the force advanced. Another zeriba was then formed, where we bivouacked for the night. At sunset the enemy appeared in large numbers in our front, about 1,400 yards distant.

3. Some 9-pr. shell were dropped among them, and two machine guns opened fire, to which the enemy replied with their rifles. About seven p.m. the firing ceased, but was renewed soon after midnight, and maintained till daylight.

At daylight more shell and machine guns were fired, this had the effect of silencing the enemy till eight a.m. The force advanced from the zeriba at eight a.m., the Naval Brigade being attached to the 2nd Brigade in the form of square, the front of which was formed by half battalions of 42nd and 65th, the left flank by a half battalion of the 42nd, the right flank by a half battalion of the 65th, the rear brought up by the Royal Marines, the Naval Brigade in rear of the 42nd Regiment in columns of half batteries.

\* 1 Commander, 5 Lieutenants, 1 Sub-Lieutenants, 1 Gunner, 2 Midshipmen, 1 Surgeon, 1 Chaplain, 166 Petty Officers and Seamen; 3 Gardner Guns 45", 3 Gatling Guns 45".