

1908.

ARBITRATION CONVENTION.

Signed at Washington, May 18, 1908; ratification advised by the Senate, May 20, 1908; ratified by the President, January 8, 1909; ratified by Denmark, February 15, 1909; ratifications exchanged at Washington, March 29, 1909; proclaimed, March 29, 1909.

ARTICLES.

I. Differences to be submitted.
II. Special agreement.

III. Duration.
IV. Ratification.

The Government of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of Denmark, signatories of the Convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes, concluded at The Hague on the 29th July, 1899;

Taking into consideration that by Article XIX of that Convention the High Contracting Parties have reserved to themselves the right of concluding Agreements, with a view to referring to arbitra-

tion all questions which they shall consider possible to submit to such treatment;

Have authorized the Undersigned to conclude the following arrangement:

ARTICLE I.

Differences which may arise of a legal nature, or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the two Contracting Parties, and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, shall be referred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration established at The Hague by the Convention of the 29th July, 1899, provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interests, the independence, or the honor of the two Contracting States, and do not concern the interests of third Parties.

ARTICLE II.

In each individual case the High Contracting Parties, before appealing to the Permanent Court of Arbitration shall conclude a special Agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the Arbitrators, and the periods to be fixed for the formation of the Arbitral Tribunal and the several stages of the procedure. It is understood that such special agreements on the part of the United States will be made by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and on the part of Denmark by the King in such forms and conditions as He may find requisite or appropriate.

ARTICLE III.

The present Convention is concluded for a period of five years, dating from the day of the exchange of the ratifications.

ARTICLE IV.

The present Convention shall be ratified by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and by His Majesty the King of Denmark.

The ratifications of this Convention shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible, and it shall take effect on the date of the exchange of its ratifications.

Done in duplicate in the English and Danish languages, at Washington, this 18th day of May in the year 1908.

ROBERT BACON [SEAL.]
C. BRUN. [SEAL.]