

CLAIMS: THE CASE OF THE BRIG "NATIVE"

Convention signed at Caracas November 16, 1846.

Entered into force November 16, 1846

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*¹

5 Miller 103

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE CLAIM OF THE AMERICAN BRIG NATIVE

The undersigned, Benjamin G. Shields Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America and John Emanuel Manrique Secretary of State of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Government of Venezuela, being duly authorized to form an equitable agreement for the payment of the twenty eight and a half per cent which pertains to Venezuela in the indemnification claimed by the owners of the north american Brig Native which was seized during the existence of Colombia by the Schooner of war Independence, have agreed to conclude and seal at all points this affair in the terms following:

ARTICLE 1st

The Government of Venezuela obligates itself to pay to the order of the Chargé d'Affs. of the United States with the previous approbation of the Congress of Venezuela the sum of (\$9.550) nine thousand five hundred and fifty dollars macuquinos in absolute indemnification of all losses and damages which the owners and persons interested in the Brig Native have claimed of Venezuela through the Legation of the United States, who shall have no right hereafter to prefer any new claim that may have origin in the circumstances of this case.

ARTICLE 2d

Said sum of (\$9.550) nine thousand five hundred and fifty dollars macuquinos shall be paid at the Treasury in two equal portions on the 1st of July and 1st of October in the year eighteen hundred and forty seven.

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, including a discussion of the settlement, see 5 Miller 103.

ARTICLE 3d

This Convention shall be submitted to the Congress of Venezuela at its next session in order that it may appropriate the sum necessary for its faithful execution.

In faith of which the undersigned have signed two agreements of one tenor in Caracas November the sixteenth, eighteen hundred and forty six.

B. G. SHIELDS

*Chargé d'Affaires of the
United States of America to the
Republic of Venezuela.*

JN. M. MANRIQUE