ARBITRATION OF CHARLES ADRIEN VAN BOKKELEN CLAIM

Protocol signed at Washington May 24, 1888
Entered into force May 24, 1888
Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms

The United States of America and the Republic of Hayti, being mutually desirous of maintaining the good relations that have so long subsisted between them and of removing, for that purpose, all causes of difference, their respective representatives, that is to say: Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States, and Stephen Preston, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Hayti, have agreed upon and signed the following protocol:

1. It having been claimed on the part of the United States that the imprisonment of Charles Adrien Van Bokkelen, a citizen of the United States, in Hayti, was in derogation of the rights to which he was entitled as a citizen of the United States under the treaties between the United States and Hayti, which the Government of the latter country denies, it is agreed that the questions raised in the correspondence between the two Governments in regard to the imprisonment of the said Van Bokkelen shall be referred to the decision of a person to be agreed upon by the Secretary of State of the United States and the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Hayti.

2. The referee so chosen shall decide the case upon such papers as may be presented to him by the Secretary of State of the United States and the Minister of Hayti respectively, within two months after the date of his appointment; but he shall not take into consideration any question not raised in the correspondence between the two Governments prior to the date of the signature of this protocol.

3. Each Government shall submit with the papers presented by it a brief of argument, and should the referee so desire, he may require further argument, oral or written, to be made within five months from the date of

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1 On Dec. 4, 1888, the arbitrator rendered an award of $60,000 in favor of the claimant. On July 14, 1890, it was agreed that Hayti should pay the award in 12 equal installments, one installment every six months; the last installment was paid in 1895. (Moore, International Arbitrations, vol. II, p. 1807.)
his appointment. He shall render his decision within six months from said date.

4. A reasonable fee to the Referee shall be paid by the Government of Hayti.

5. Any award made shall be final and conclusive and, if in favor of the claimant, shall be paid by the Government of Hayti within twelve (12) months of the date of such award.²

Done in duplicate, at Washington this 24th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

T. F. Bayard [seal]
Stephen Preston [seal]

² See footnote 1.