

“On the fifth point, we, Baron de Courcel, Lord Hannen, Sir John S. D. Thompson, Marquis Emilio Visconti-Venosta, and Gregero W. W. Gram, being the majority of said arbitrators, decide and determine that the United States have no right to the protection of, or property in, the seals frequenting the islands of the United States in Behring Sea, when the same are found outside the ordinary three-mile limit.

“And whereas the aforesaid determination of the foregoing questions as to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, leaves the subject in such a position that the concurrence of Great Britain is necessary to the establishment of regulations for the proper protection and preservation of fur-seals habitually resorting to Behring Sea, we, Baron de Courcel, Lord Hannen, Marquis Emilio Visconti-Venosta, and Gregero W. W. Gram, being a majority of the arbitrators, assent to the whole of the nine articles of the following regulations, as necessary outside of the jurisdictional limits of the respective Governments, and that they should extend over the waters hereinafter mentioned :—

“Article I. The United States and Great Britain shall forbid their subjects respectively, to kill, capture, or pursue, at any time or in any manner whatever, the animals commonly called fur-seals within a zone of sixty miles around the Pribyloff Islands, inclusive of the territorial water, the miles being geographical miles, sixty to a degree of latitude.

“Article II. The two Governments shall forbid their citizens or subjects to kill, capture, or pursue in any manner whatever, during a season extending in each year from May 1 to July 31, inclusive, fur-seals on the high sea in that part of the Pacific Ocean, inclusive of Behring Sea, situated north of the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude, or eastward of the one hundred and eightieth degree of longitude from Greenwich until it strikes the water boundary described in Article I. of the Treaty of 1867 between the United States and Russia, following that line up to Behring Straits.

“Article III. During the period of time in the waters in which fur-sealing is allowed, only sailing vessels shall be permitted to carry on or take part in fur-sealing operations. They will, however, be at liberty to avail themselves of the use of such canoes or undecked boats, propelled by paddles, oars or sails, as are in common use as fishing boats.

“Article IV. Each sailing vessel authorized to carry on fur-sealing must be provided with a special license issued for the purpose by its Government. Each vessel so employed shall be required to carry a distinguishing flag prescribed by its Government.