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Differences having arisen
between the Government of Her
Britannic Majesty and the
Government of the United States
of America
growing out of the acts committed
by the several vessels which
have given rise to the claims
generically known as the
"Alabama" Claims, the High
Contracting Parties in order to
remove and adjust all
complaints



complaints and claims on the
part of the United States,
and to provide for the speedy
settlement of such claims,
have agreed by the first
Article of a Treaty signed
at Washington on the 8th
of May 1871, of which a
copy is annexed, to refer all
the said claims growing
out of acts committed by
the aforesaid vessels, —
and

and generically known as
the "Alabama" Claims, to a
Tribunal of Arbitration to be
composed of five Arbitrators
to be appointed in the
following manner: - That
is to say: one shall be named
by Her Britannic Majesty;
one shall be named by the
President of the United
States: His Majesty the King
of Italy shall be requested
to name one; the President
of

of the Swiss Confederation shall be requested to name one; and His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil shall be requested to name one.

The High Contracting Parties, therefore, reposing entire confidence in the spirit of justice and impartiality which distinguishes the President of the Swiss Confederation, the common friend of the two States, have

have agreed in pursuance
 of the said Treaty, respectively
 to request him to be pleased
 to appoint an arbitrator
 to form, with the arbitrators
 to be named by the other-
 Powers above-named, the
 Tribunal of Arbitration to
 which the reference agreed
 upon in the first Article
 of the Treaty shall be made.

The Undersigned, Her
 Britannic Majesty's Envoy
 Extraordinary and Minister
 Plenipotentiary

Plenipotentiary to the Swiss
Confederation, having
received the orders of his
Court to communicate to
The President of the Swiss
Confederation the agreement
thus made on the part
of the Queen His Sovereign,
has been further charged
to express Her Majesty's
earnest desire that the
President will be willing
to afford his good offices
on the present occasion,
and

and will be pleased to appoint
an arbitrator to act in the
premises.

The Undersigned has
therefore the honor to lay
this communication directly
before His Excellency the
President of the Swiss
Confederation, as holding at
the same time the office
of Federal Councillor for
the Political Department
and for Foreign Affairs, and
to request that His Excellency
may

may be pleased to make
known to the Undersigned
his determination with
regard to the request therein
set forth -

The Undersigned
avails himself of this —
opportunity to renew to
His Excellency the assurance
of his most distinguished
consideration.

Alfred Bonard

Berne, August 3, 1871.

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Bundesrath vom 9. Aug. 1871