

SARAH BRYANT, COUNTESS D'ETCHEGOYEN (GREAT BRITAIN)
v. UNITED MEXICAN STATES

(Decision No. 126, August 6, 1932. Pages 361-362.)

1. This is a claim for compensation for the loss of a mule, jewellery and the effects taken by the revolutionaries of the Jimenez Brigade from the San Jeronimo Ranch at Tlalnepantla, D.F., during 1914-1915 in the months of May and January.

2. A claim was presented to the Mexican National Claims Commission on the 19th August, 1921, for the sum of 14,710.25 pesos. This claim, after consideration by the Commission, was rejected.

3. The British Government claim on behalf of Sarah Bryant, Countess d'Etchegoyen, the sum of 14,710.25 pesos.

4. The Mexican Agent filed a Motion to Dismiss the claim on the grounds that it was unsupported by evidence. To this Motion the British Agent replied that he had not been able to obtain the return of the relevant documents from the Mexican National Claims Commission.

5. The Commission, having examined the claim, find that, as regards that part which originated in 1914, there is no responsibility on the part of the Mexican Government since far from having acted negligently, the Government acted with due diligence. As regards the damages caused in 1915, in accordance with the principles laid down in previous decisions, the declaration of the claimant cannot be accepted unless corroborated and, as no corroboration has been presented, the Commission have decided to dismiss this claim.

6. The claim is disallowed.