Britischen Majestät und den Vereinigten Staaten durch den Haro-Kanal gezogen werde.

Urkundlich unter Unserer Höchsteigenhändigen Unterschrift und beigedrucktem Kaiserlichen Insiegel.

Gegeben Berlin den 21ten October, 1872.

(Signed) . WILHELM.

## (Translation.)

WE, WILLIAM, by the Grace of God German Emperor, King of Prussia, &c., &c., &c.

AFTER examination of the Treaty between the Governments of Her Britannick Majesty and that of the United States of America, dated at Washington, May 6th,\* 1871, by virtue of which the above-named Governments have submitted to Our Arbitrator the Question at issue between them, viz., whether the line of boundary which, according to the Treaty, dated at Washington, June 15, 1846, after it had been continued westward along the 49th parallel of north latitude to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouver's Island shall be fur-

\* Sie in original. Query, May 8?

ther drawn southerly through the middle of the said Channel and of Fuca Straits to the Pacific Ocean, should be run, as claimed by the Government of Her. Britannic Majesty, through the Rosario Straits or through the Canal of Haro as claimed by the Government of the United States—in order that We should decide finally and without appeal which of these claims is most in accordance with the true interpretation of the Treaty of June 15, 1846;

Have, after taking into consideration the statement of the experts and jurists appointed by us to report upon the contents of the respective cases and counter cases, with their inclosures, given the

following decision;

The claim of the Government of the United States, viz., that the line of boundary between the dominions of Her Britannic Majesty and the United States should be run through the Canal of Haro—is most in accordance with the true interpretation of the Treaty concluded between the Government of Her Britannic Majesty and that of the United States of America, dated at Washington, June 15, 1846.

Given under our hand and seal at Berlin, October 21, 1872.

(Signed) WILLIAM,

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