

Rutherford B. Hayes.
President of the United States of America.

To all whom these Presents may
concern, Greeting:

Whereas, pursuant to the Fourth
Article of the Treaty of Limits between
the Argentine Republic and the Republic
of Paraguay, of the 3rd of February, one thousand
eight hundred and seventy-six, it was
stipulated that ownership in or right to the
territory between the river Verde, and the
principal arm of the Pilcomayo river,
including the City of Villa Occidental,

should be submitted to the Definite Decision
of an Arbitration,

And, whereas, by the Fifth Article
of the same instrument, the two High Con-
tracting Parties agreed to elect the President
of the United States of America, as umpire
to decide as to the right to possess the said
above-described territory

And, Whereas, the High Contracting
parties have within the stipulated time
presented their invitation to the proposed
Umpire, which was accepted by him, and
have, also, duly presented their respective
memoirs and the documents, titles, maps,
quotations, references and all the antee-
dents which they judge favorable to their

rights, as provided in the sixth and eighth Articles of said Treaty.

Now, therefore, Be it known that I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States of America, having duly considered the said statements and the said exhibits, do hereby determine, that the said Republic of Paraguay is legally and justly entitled to the said territory between the Pilcomayo and the Verde rivers, and to the Villa Occidental situated therein, and I, therefore, do hereby award to the said Republic of Paraguay the territory on the western bank of the river of that name between the Rio Verde and the main branch of the Pilcomayo,

including Villa Occidental.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in triplicate in the City of Washington, the twelfth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and third.

R. B. Hayes

By the President.

Wm. M. Evarts

Secretary of State.

