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-five, 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 ante-
cedents 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
fully 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 here-
by 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. Anderson

By the President.

Wm. M. Evarts

Secretary of State.