

# CIRCULAR

## TO WAR-PREMIUM CLAIMANTS.

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SAMUEL STEVENS of Boston, and SHELLABARGER & WILSON of Washington, D. C., have associated themselves in the interest of the above-named claimants, and offer their united services for the collection of

### WAR-PREMIUM CLAIMS.

JUDGE JEREMIAH M. WILSON of the above-named and well-known law firm, has acted with the undersigned for years in your behalf. We are conversant with every phase of the business and will continue to confine our attention **exclusively to war-premium claims.**

The undersigned has taken the

**Office — Room 11, No. 30 Kilby Street, Boston,**

(Over the Boylston Mutual Insurance Co.,)

where all War-Premium Claimants are invited to call for information. A staff of accountants will be employed to make up a statement in each case and to arrange the necessary evidence. Our friends are invited to bring in their policies of insurance at an early day, for which a receipt will be given, and they will be deposited in a fire-proof vault until the time arrives for their being forwarded to Washington. Those who have lost their policies will please hand in a memorandum, when we will procure copies and all necessary evidence obtainable, for which we have already arranged suitable facilities.

The Geneva Award bill, which has now become law, under section *five* admits as *first class* "claims directly resulting from damage done on the high seas by confederate cruisers during the late Rebellion, including vessels and cargoes attacked on the high seas, although the loss or damage occurred within four miles of the shore; excluding claims which have been proved pursuant to section eleven of said chapter four hundred and sixty-nine" (chapter 469 of the laws of the 43d Congress, establishing the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims) which section eleven refers to Claims for captures by the inculpatated cruisers "Alabama, Florida, and Shenandoah after Melbourne."

Claims proved under the section five above named, together with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent per annum up to March 31st, 1877, will be paid first from the balance of the Geneva Award Fund remaining in the Treasury of the United States, and the balance *then* remaining, less expenses of the Court, will be available for the *second class*, which "shall be for claims for payment of premiums for war risks, whether paid to corporations, agents, or individuals, after the sailing of any Confederate cruiser." If the fund available for this purpose shall be insufficient to pay war premiums and interest in full, it will be distributed *pro rata* on such claims proved.

The requisite work in arranging the details of these claims will be heavy. Claimants will please hand in a memorandum of all the information obtainable in each case,—such as the division of war and marine rates when the two are combined in one; of the various parties interested, whether they were foreign or loyal American citizens (especially if English) and all returns they may have received, whether in the shape of scrip dividends or otherwise.

When occasion requires circulars will be issued stating the rulings of the Court as to evidence, etc.

SAMUEL STEVENS,

30 KILBY ST., (Room 11).

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