

But, if an agreement cannot be reached on any point, it shall be decided by the President, whose decision shall be loyally accepted by the two Governments concerned.

3) In determining questions the Commission shall take into consideration ethnological and historical principles, the political and State interests of each country (such as military, strategic, economic and transit interests), as well as the interests of the local population. The Commission is empowered to take such steps as may be considered necessary to obtain the evidence required to enable it to pronounce judgment in any point. A condition to be observed is that in any district in which it has been decided to hold a plebiscite, steps shall be taken, on lines to be approved of by the Commission, to neutralise the local administration in such a way as to prevent any illegal pressure from being brought to bear by the authorities of either of the Contracting Parties on the population taking part in the plebiscite.

4) The expenditure incurred by the Commission will be shared equally between the two Governments.

5) This agreement shall be ratified by the two Governments concerned within 15 days after the date of signature.

Riga, September 28, 1920.

## II.

### REPORT AND DECISIONS OF THE LETTIS-LITHUANIAN FRONTIER COURT OF ARBITRATION

#### *I. - Introduction.*

The Court of Arbitration held in all 28 regular and 2 extraordinary meetings, commencing December 19th 1920 and concluding March 20th 1921. Members of the Court together with the President also visited the following regions, - Polangen, Mojaiki, the area Brunawishki to Radziwilishki and different points in the Iluxt region. About one half of the frontier was subjected to careful local examination by Subcommissions and their deputies, the parts exempt