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JOHN A. McPHERSON (U.S.A.) *v.* UNITED MEXICAN STATES.*(June 3, 1927. Pages 325-329.)*

OWNERSHIP OF CLAIM. Where evidence throws doubt upon claimant's ownership of claim, which doubt claimant was apparently in a position to dispel and failed to do so, claim *disallowed*.

*Cross-references:* Am. J. Int. Law, Vol. 22, 1928, p. 194; Annual Digest, 1927-1928, p. 253.

*(Text of decision omitted.)*GEORGE W. HOPKINS (U.S.A.) *v.* UNITED MEXICAN STATES.*(June 3, 1927. Pages 329-331.)*

NON-PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS. Claim for non-payment of money orders *allowed*, pursuant to rulings in *George W. Cook* claim and *John A. McPherson* claim.

OWNERSHIP OF CLAIM. Any doubt as to his ownership of the claim should be dispelled by claimant.

*Cross-reference:* Am. J. Int. Law, Vol. 22, 1928, p. 194.

*Nielsen, Commissioner :*

1. Claim is made in this case by the United States of America in behalf of George W. Hopkins to recover the sum of 1,013.40 Mexican pesos or its equivalent, the aggregate amount of six postal money orders which are alleged to be the property of the claimant, and which were not paid upon presentation to Mexican postal authorities. The orders were issued in the year 1914. A proper allowance of interest is claimed on the said sum of 1,013.40 pesos. A motion to dismiss this claim was filed by Mexico on December 16, 1925, and was overruled by the Commission on March 31, 1926. The case is before the Commission for final decision.

2. One of the money orders, in amount 23.40 pesos, is payable to Hopkins Studio. Two others, each in the amount of 200 pesos, were issued in the name of George W. Hopkins, and were indorsed to the *Banco Germánico de la América del Sur* of Mexico City. It is clear from the record that the indorsements were made for purposes of collection. I think that, conformably to the principles underlying the decision of the Commission in the case of *George W. Cook*, Docket No. 663,<sup>1</sup> and the decision in the case of *John A. McPherson*, Docket No. 126, an award should be rendered in favor of the claimant for the value of these three orders, namely, 423.40 pesos, or \$211.06, currency of the United States, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from June 6, 1914, the date of the last order, to the date on which the last award is rendered by the Commission.

<sup>1</sup> See page 209.