

JAMES MADISON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA.

To all and singular to whom these
Presents come Greeting:
WHEREAS a Convention be-
tween the United States of America
and His Britannic Majesty, to regu-
late the Commerce between the Ter-
ritories of the United States and of
His Britannic Majesty, was signed at
London on the third day of July, in
the year one thousand eight hundred
and fifteen, by the plenipotentiaries
respectively appointed for that pur-
pose, which convention is in the
words following, to wit:

A CONVENTION.
To Regulate the Commerce between
the Territories of the United States
and of His Britannic Majesty.

The United States of America, &
His Britannic Majesty being desir-
ous by Convention to regulate the
Commerce and Navigation between
their respective Countries, Territo-
ries, and People, in such a manner
as to render the same reciprocally
beneficial and satisfactory, have re-
spectively named plenipotentiaries
and given them full powers to treat
of and conclude such Convention, that
is to say, the President of the United
States, by and with the advice and
consent of the Senate thereof, hath
appointed for their Plenipotentiaries
John Quincy Adams, Henry Clay,
and Albert Gallatin, citizens of the
United States, acting in the
name and on behalf of His Majesty,
has named for his plenipotentiaries
the Right Honourable Frederick John
Robinson, Vice President of the Com-
mittee of Privy Council for Trade &
Plantations, Joint Paymaster of His
Majesty's Forces, and a Member of
the Imperial Parliament, Henry
Goulburn Esq. a Member of the Im-
perial Parliament, and the Under
Secretary of State, and William Ad-
ams, Esq. Doctor of Civil Laws—&
the said Plenipotentiaries having mu-
tually produced and shown their said
full powers and exchanged copies of
the same, have agreed on and con-
cluded the following articles, videlicet:

ART. FIRST.

There shall be between the territo-
ries of the United States of America,
and all the territories of His Britannic
Majesty in Europe, reciprocal liberty
of Commerce. The inhabitants of the
two countries respectively, shall have
liberty freely to come with their ships
and cargoes to all such places, ports,
and rivers, in the territories aforesaid,
to which other foreigners are permitted
to come, to enter into the same, and to
remain and reside in any parts of the
said territories respectively: also to hire
and occupy houses and warehouses for
the purposes of their Commerce, and
generally, the merchants and traders of
each nation respectively, shall enjoy the
most complete protection and security
for their Commerce—but subject al-
ways to the laws and statutes of the
two countries respectively.

ART. SECOND.

No higher or other duties shall be
imposed, on the importation into the U.
States of any articles, the growth, pro-
duce or manufacture of His Britannic
Majesty's territories in Europe, and no
higher, or other duties shall be impos-
ed on the importation of His Britannic
Majesty in Europe of any articles, the
growth, produce, or manufacture of the
U. States than are, or shall be pay-
able on the like articles, being the growth,
produce or manufacture of any other
foreign country—nor shall any higher
or other duties or charges be imposed
in either of the two countries, on the
exportation of any articles to the United
States, or to His Britannic Majesty's
territories in Europe respectively than
as are payable on the exportation of
the like articles to any other foreign
country: nor shall any prohibition be
imposed on the importation of any arti-
cles, the growth, produce or manufac-
ture of the U. States, or of His Britan-
nic Majesty's territories in Europe, or
from the said territories of His Britan-
nic Majesty in Europe, or to or from
the said U. States, which shall not
equally extend to all other nations.

No higher or other duties or other
charges shall be imposed in any of the
ports of the U. States, on British vessels,
than those payable in the same ports by ves-
sels of the U. States; nor in the ports
of His Britannic Majesty's territories
in Europe, on the vessels of the United
States, than shall be payable in the
same ports on British vessels.

The same duties shall be paid on the
importation into the U. States of any
articles, the growth, produce or manufac-
ture of His Britannic Majesty's
territories in Europe, whether such im-
portation shall be in vessels of the United
States or in British vessels, and the
same duties shall be paid on the im-
portation into the ports of any of His Britan-
nic Majesty's territories in Europe,
of any article, the growth, produce, or
manufacture of the U. States, whether
such importation shall be in British ves-
sels, or in vessels of the U. S.

The same duties shall be paid, and
the same bounties allowed, on the ex-
portation of any articles, the growth,
produce or manufacture of His Britan-
nic Majesty's territories in Europe to
the United States, whether such ex-
portation be made in vessels of the United
States, or in British vessels; and the
same duties shall be paid and the said
bounties allowed, on the exportation of
any articles, the growth, produce or
manufacture of the U. States, to His
Britannic Majesty's territories in Eu-
rope, whether such exportations shall
be made in British vessels, or in vessels
of the U. S.

It is further agreed that in all cases
where drawbacks are or may be allow-
ed, upon the re-exportation of any goods
the growth, produce or manufacture of
either countries respectively, the amount
of the said drawbacks shall be the same,
whether the said goods shall have been
originally imported in a British
or American vessel—but when such
re-exportation shall take place from
the United States in a British
vessel, or from the territories
of His Britannic Majesty in Europe in
an American vessel, to any other for-
eign nation the two contracting parties
reserve to themselves, respectively,
the right of regulating or diminish-
ing, in such case the amount of the
said drawback.

The intercourse between the United
States and His Britannic Majesty's
possessions in the West Indies, and in
the continent of North America, shall
not be affected by any of the provisions
of this article, but each party shall re-
serve, with respect to such an inter-
course.

ART. THIRD.

His Britannic Majesty agrees that
the vessels of the United States of
America shall be admitted, and hospita-
bly received at the principal settle-
ments of British dominions in the
East Indies, vide licet, Calcutta, Madras,
Bombay, and Prince of Wales Is-
land, and that the citizens of the United
States may freely carry on trade be-
tween the said principal settlements
and the said United States, in all arti-
cles of which the importation and ex-
portation respectively, to and from the
said territories shall not be entirely
prohibited: provided only, that it shall
not be lawful for them in any time of
war, between the British government
and any state or power whatever, to
export from the said territories, with-
out the special permission of the British
government any military or naval
stores, or rice. The citizens of the U.
States shall pay for their vessels, when
admitted, no higher or other duty or
charge than shall be payable on the
vessels of the most favored European
nations, and shall pay no higher
or other duties on the importation or
exportation of the cargoes of the
said vessels, than shall be payable on
the same articles when imported or ex-
ported in the vessels of the most fa-
vored European nation.

But it is expressly agreed, that the
vessels of the United States shall not
carry any articles from the said prin-
cipal settlements to any port or place,
except to some port or place in the
United States of America, where the
same shall be unladen.

It is also understood, that the per-
mission granted by this article, is not
to extend to allow the vessels of the
U. States to carry on any part of the
coasting trade of the said British ter-
ritories; but the vessels of U. States,
having, in the first instance, proceeded
to one of the said principal settlements
of the British dominions in the East
Indies, and then going with their origi-
nal cargoes or part thereof, from one
of the said principal settlements to
another, shall not be considered as car-
rying on the coasting trade. The ves-
sels of the U. States may also touch
for refreshment, but not for Commerce
in the course of their voyage to or
from the British territories in India,
or to or from the dominions of the Em-
peror of China, at the Cape of Good
Hope, the Island of St. Helena, or such
other places as may be in the posses-
sion of G. Britain, in the African or
Indian seas, it being well understood,
that in all that regards this article, the
citizens of the United States shall be
subject, in all respects, to the laws and
regulation of the British government
from time to time established.

ART. FOURTH.

It shall be free, for each of the two
contracting parties, respectively to ap-
point consuls, for the protection of
trade, to reside in the dominions and
territories of the other party, but
before any consul shall act in such, he
shall in the usual form be approved
and admitted by the government to
which he is sent, and it is hereby de-
clared that in case of illegal or improp-
er conduct towards the laws or govern-
ment of the country to which he is
sent, such consul may either be pun-
ished according to law, if the laws
will reach the case, or be sent back,
the offended government assigning to
the other the reasons for the same.

It is hereby declared that either
of the contracting parties, may except
from the residence of consuls such
particular places as such party shall
judge fit to be so excepted.

ART. FIFTH.

This convention, when the same
shall have been duly ratified by the
President of the United States, by
and with the advice and consent of
their Senate, and by His Britannic
Majesty, and the respective ratifica-
tions mutually exchanged, shall be
binding and obliging on the said United
States and His Majesty for four
years from the date of its signa-
ture, and the ratifications shall be ex-
changed in six months from this time
or sooner if possible.

Done at London, this third day of July,
in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifteen.
(L. S.) JOHN Q. ADAMS,
(L. S.) H. CLAY,
(L. S.) ALBERT GALLATIN,
(L. S.) FRED. J. ROBINSON,
(L. S.) HENRY GOULBURN,
(L. S.) WILLIAM ADAMS

NOW, therefore, be it known,
That I, JAMES MADISON
President of the United States of
America, having seen and consider-
ed the foregoing convention, have by
and with the advice and consent of
the Senate, accepted, ratified and
confirmed the same, and every clause
and article thereof, subject to the ex-
ception contained in a Declaration
made by the authority of His Britan-
nic Majesty on the 24th day of
November last, a copy of which De-
claration is hereto annexed.

In testimony whereof, I have caus-
ed the seal of the United States to
be hereunto affixed, and have
Done at the City of Washington, this
twenty-second day of December, A. D. one thousand
eight hundred and fifteen, and
of the Independence of the U.
nited States the fortieth.

JAMES MADISON.
By the President:
JAMES MONROE,
Secretary of State

DECLARATION.

The undersigned, His Britannic
Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in the
United States of America, is com-
manded by his Royal Highness the
Prince Regent, acting in the name
and on the behalf of His Majesty
to explain and declare, upon the ex-
change of the ratifications of the Con-
vention concluded at London on the
3d of July of the present year for regu-
lating the Commerce and naviga-
tion between the two countries, that
in consequence of events which have
happened in Europe subsequent to
the signature of the Convention aforesaid,
it has been deemed expedient
and determined, in conjunction with
the allied Sovereigns, that St. Helena
shall be the place allotted for the
future residence of General Napo-
leon Bonaparte, under such regula-
tions as may be necessary for the
perfect security of his person and
it has been resolved for that purpose,
that all ships and vessels whatever as
well British ships and vessels as oth-
ers, excepting only ships belonging
to the East India Company shall be
excluded from all communication
which or approach to that Island.

It has therefore become impossi-
ble to comply with so much of the
third article of the Treaty as relates
to the liberty of touching for refresh-
ment at the Island of St. Helena,
and the ratifications of the said treaty
will be exchanged under the explicit
declaration and understanding
that the vessels of the United States
cannot be allowed to touch at, or
hold any communication whatever
with the said Island, so long as the
residence of the said Napoleon Bonaparte.

(Signed)
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