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DIFFICULTIES having arisen in the execution of the Convention concluded at St. Petersburg on the twelfth day of July 1822, under the mediation of His Majesty The Emperor of all the Russias, between Great Britain and The United States of America, for the purpose of carrying into effect the Decision of His Imperial Majesty upon the differences which had arisen between Great Britain and the said United States, on the true construction and meaning of the First Article of the Treaty of Peace and Amity, concluded at Ghent on the twenty-fourth day of December 1814 ;—His Britannick Majesty and the said United States, being equally desirous to obviate such difficulties, have respectively named Plenipotentiaries to treat and agree respecting the same, that is to say :—

His Majesty The King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has appointed The Right Honourable William Huskisson, a Member of His said Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, President of the Committee of Privy Council for Affairs of Trade and Foreign Plantations, and Treasurer of His said Majesty's Navy ;—and Henry Unwin Addington, Esquire, late His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires to The United States of America :—And The President of The United States, Albert Gallatin, their Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Britannick Majesty :—who, after having communicated to each other their respective Full Powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles :—

ARTICLE I:

His Majesty The King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland agrees to pay, and The United States of America agree to receive, for the use of the persons entitled to indemnification and compensation, by virtue of the said Decision and Convention, the sum of twelve hundred and four thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars, current money of the United States, in lieu of, and in full and complete satisfaction for, all sums claimed or claimable from Great Britain, by any person or persons whatsoever, under the said Decision and Convention.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the said Convention being thus fulfilled, that Convention is hereby declared to be cancelled and annulled, save and except the second

Article of the same, which has already been carried into execution by the Commissioners appointed under the said Convention, and save and except so much of the third Article of the same, as relates to the definitive List of Claims, and has already likewise been carried into execution by the said Commissioners.

ARTICLE III.

The said sum of twelve hundred and four thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars shall be paid at Washington to such person or persons as shall be duly authorised, on the part of The United States, to receive the same, in two equal payments as follows:—

The payment of the first half to be made twenty days after official notification shall have been made, by the Government of The United States, to His Britannick Majesty's Minister in the said United States, of the ratification of the present Convention by the President of The United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof.

And the payment of the second half to be made on the first day of August 1827.

ARTICLE IV.

The above sums being taken as a full and final liquidation of all Claims whatsoever arising under the said Decision and Convention, both the final adjustment of those Claims, and the distribution of the sums so paid by Great Britain to The United States, shall be made in such manner as The United States alone shall determine: and the Government of Great Britain shall have no further concern or liability therein.

ARTICLE V.

It is agreed that, from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the present Convention, the joint Commission appointed under the said Convention of St. Petersburg, of the twelfth of July 1822, shall be dissolved, and, upon the dissolution thereof, all the Documents and Papers, in possession of the said Commission, relating to Claims under that Convention, shall be delivered over to such person or persons as shall be duly authorised, on the part of The United States, to receive the same. And the British Commissioner shall make over to such person or persons, so authorised, all the Documents and Papers, (or authenticated Copies of the same, where the originals cannot conveniently be made over), relating to Claims under the said Convention, which he may have received from his Government for the use of the said Commission, conformably to the stipulations contained in the third Article of the said Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in London in six months from this date, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof the Plenipotentiaries aforesaid, by virtue of their respective Full Powers, have signed the same, and have affixed thereunto the Seals of their Arms.

Done at London, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

(L.S.) WILLIAM HUSKISSON.
 (L.S.) HENRY UNWIN ADDINGTON.
 (L.S.) ALBERT GALLATIN.