

## BOUNDARIES (OREGON TREATY)

*Treaty signed at Washington June 15, 1846*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification June 18, 1846*

*Ratified by the President of the United States June 19, 1846*

*Ratified by the United Kingdom July 14, 1846*

*Ratifications exchanged at London July 17, 1846*

*Entered into force July 17, 1846*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States August 5, 1846*

9 Stat. 869; Treaty Series 120<sup>1</sup>

The United States of America and her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, deeming it to be desirable for the future welfare of both countries that the state of doubt and uncertainty which has hitherto prevailed respecting the sovereignty and government of the territory on the northwest coast of America, lying westward of the Rocky or Stony mountains, should be finally terminated by an amicable compromise of the rights mutually asserted by the two parties over the said territory, have respectively named plenipotentiaries to treat and agree concerning the terms of such settlement—that is to say: the President of the United States of America has, on his part, furnished with full powers James Buchanan, Secretary of State of the United States, and her Majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, has, on her part, appointed the Right Honorable Richard Pakenham, a member of her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, and her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States; who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

### ARTICLE I<sup>2</sup>

From the point on the forty-ninth parrallel of north latitude, where the boundary laid down in existing treaties and conventions between the United States and Great Britain terminates, the line of boundary between the territories of the United States and those of her Britannic Majesty shall be continued westward along the said forty-ninth parallel of north latitude to the

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed study of this treaty, see 5 Miller 3.

<sup>2</sup> For a declaration signed Feb. 24, 1870, approving the maps prepared by commissioners appointed to survey the boundary, see TS 129, *post*, p. 157.