

CESSION OF LOUISIANA: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

Convention signed at Paris April 30, 1803

Ratified by France May 22, 1803

Senate advice and consent to ratification October 20, 1803

Ratified by the President of the United States October 21, 1803

Ratifications exchanged at Washington October 21, 1803

Entered into force October 21, 1803

Proclaimed by the President of the United States October 21, 1803

Expired upon fulfillment of its terms

8 Stat. 206; Treaty Series 86-A¹

A CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The President of the United States of America and the First Consul of the French Republic in the name of the French people, in consequence of the treaty of cession of Louisiana which has been Signed this day;² wishing to regulate definitively every thing which has relation to the Said cession have authorized to this effect the Plenipotentiaries that is to say: the President of the United States has, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the Said States nominated for their Plenipotentiaries, Robert R. Livingston Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States and James Monroe Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy-Extraordinary of the Said United States near the Government of the French Republic; and the First Consul of the French Republic in the name of the French People has named as Plenipotentiary of the Said Republic the citizen Francis Barbé-Marbois: who in virtue of their full powers, which have been exchanged this day have agreed to the following articles:

ART: 1

The Government of the United States engages to pay to the French Government in the manner Specified in the following article the Sum of Sixty millions of francs independant of the Sum which Shall be fixed by another Convention for the payment of the debts due by France to citizens of the United States.

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, see 2 Miller 512.

² TS 86, *ante*, p. 812.