

EXTINGUISHING THE SCHELDT DUES

Treaty signed at Brussels July 20, 1863, supplementing convention of May 20, 1863; annexes

Ratified by Belgium July 25, 1863

Senate advice and consent to ratification February 26, 1864

Ratified by the President of the United States March 5, 1864

Ratifications exchanged at Brussels June 27, 1864

Entered into force June 27, 1864

Proclaimed by the President of the United States November 18, 1864

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The United States of America and His Majesty the King of the Belgians equally desirous of liberating forever the navigation of the Scheldt from the dues which encumber it, to assure the reformation of the maritime taxes levied in Belgium and to facilitate thereby the development of trade and navigation, have resolved to conclude a Treaty to complete the convention signed on the twentieth of May Eighteen hundred and sixty-three¹ between the United States and Belgium, and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries, namely:

The President of the United States of America, Henry Shelton Sanford, a citizen of the United States, their Minister Resident to His Majesty the King of the Belgians, and

His Majesty the King of the Belgians, M. Charles Rogier, Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold, decorated with the Iron cross &c., &c., &c., His Minister of Foreign Affairs,

who, after having exchanged their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles.

ARTICLE 1

The High Contracting Parties take note of and record;

1st. The Treaty concluded on the twelfth of May, Eighteen hundred sixty three, between Belgium and the Netherlands which will remain annexed to the present Treaty, and by which His Majesty the King of the Netherlands renounces forever the dues established upon navigation in the Scheldt and its mouths, by the third paragraph of the 9th article of the Treaty of the

¹ TS 22, *ante*, p. 468.