

## CESSION OF LOUISIANA

*Treaty 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*

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

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### TREATY 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 desiring to remove all Source of misunderstanding relative to objects of discussion mentioned in the Second and fifth articles of the Convention of the 8<sup>th</sup> Vendémiaire and 9/30 September 1800<sup>2</sup> relative to the rights claimed by the United States in virtue of the Treaty concluded at Madrid the 27 of October 1795,<sup>3</sup> between His Catholic Majesty, & the Said United States, & willing to Strengthen the union and friendship which at the time of the Said Convention was happily reestablished between the two nations have respectively named their Plenipotentiaries to wit The President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Said States; Robert P. Livingston Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States and James Monroe Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy extraordinary of the Said States near the Government of the French Republic; And the First Consul in the name of the French people, Citizen Francis Barbé Marbois Minister of the public treasury who after having respectively exchanged their full powers have agreed to the following Articles.

#### ARTICLE 1

Whereas by the Article the third of the Treaty concluded at S<sup>t</sup> Idelfonso the 9<sup>th</sup> Vendémiaire an 9/1<sup>st</sup> October 1800<sup>4</sup> between the First Consul of the French Republic and his Catholic Majesty it was agreed as follows.

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed study of this treaty, see 2 Miller 498.

<sup>2</sup> TS 85, *ante*, p. 801.

<sup>3</sup> TS 325, *post*, SPAIN.

<sup>4</sup> For text, see I Malloy 506.