

CESSION OF DANISH WEST INDIES

*Convention and United States declaration signed at New York
August 4, 1916; exchange of notes at Washington January 3, 1917
Senate advice and consent to ratification, with an understanding and a
condition, September 7, 1916¹*

Ratified by Denmark December 22, 1916

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with an understanding
and a condition, January 16, 1917¹*

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CONVENTION

The United States of America and His Majesty the King of Denmark being desirous of confirming the good understanding which exists between them, have to that end appointed as Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States:

Mr. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State of the United States,

and His Majesty the King of Denmark:

Mr. Constantin Brun, His Majesty's Envoy extraordinary and Minister plenipotentiary at Washington,

who, having mutually exhibited their full powers which were found to be in due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

His Majesty the King of Denmark by this convention cedes to the United States all territory, dominion and sovereignty, possessed, asserted or claimed by Denmark in the West Indies including the Islands of Saint Thomas, Saint John and Saint Croix together with the adjacent islands and rocks.

This cession includes the right of property in all public, government, or crown lands, public buildings, wharves, ports, harbors, fortifications, barracks, public funds, rights, franchises, and privileges, and all other public property

¹ For text of U.S. understanding and condition, see exchange of notes, p. 62.