

AMITY, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION; EXTRADITION

Treaty signed at Caracas August 27, 1860

Senate advice and consent to ratification February 12, 1861

Ratified by the President of the United States February 25, 1861

Ratified by Venezuela June 19, 1861

Ratifications exchanged at Caracas August 9, 1861

Entered into force August 9, 1861

Proclaimed by the President of the United States September 25, 1861

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The United States of America and the Republic of Venezuela, equally animated with the desire of maintaining the cordial relations, and of tightening, if possible, the bonds of friendship between the two countries, as well as to augment by all the means at their disposal, the commercial intercourse of their respective citizens, have mutually resolved to conclude a general convention of amity, commerce and navigation, and for the surrender of fugitive criminals. For this purpose, they have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries, to wit: the President of the United States, Edward A. Turpin, Minister Resident near the Government of Venezuela; and the President of Venezuela, Pedro de Las Casas, Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Relations, who, after a communication of their respective full powers, have agreed to the following articles:

ARTICLE I

It is the intention of the high contracting parties that there shall continue to be a firm, inviolable, and universal peace, and a true and sincere friendship between the Republics of the United States of America and Venezuela, and between their respective countries, territories, cities, towns, and people, without exception of persons or places.

If unfortunately the two nations should become involved in war, one with the other, the term of six months after the declaration thereof, shall be allowed to the merchants, and other citizens and inhabitants respectively, on

¹ Pursuant to notice of termination given by Venezuela Oct. 22, 1869.

² For a detailed study of this treaty, see 8 Miller 533.