

ACQUISITION OF SITES FOR AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS

Agreement signed at Washington August 29, 1927

Entered into force August 29, 1927

Replaced by agreement of October 1, 1947¹

Treaty Series 757

This agreement made on August 29, 1927, by and between the Government of the United States of America, represented by John J. Pershing, General of the Armies, Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission, party of the first part, and the Government of the French Republic, represented by Mr. Anne-Marie Louis de Sartiges, that Government's Chargé d'Affaires ad interim at Washington, party of the second part, for the acquisition by the Government of the United States of lands intended as sites for monuments which the American Battle Monuments Commission is to erect in France, in accordance with and by the authority of the Act of Congress of the United States approved March 4, 1923,² entitled "An Act for the Creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to Erect Suitable Memorials Commemorating the Services of the American Soldiers in Europe, and for Other Purposes", witnesses that

ARTICLE I

The French Government will acquire the real estate of which the American Battle Monuments Commission whose office is at Paris, rue Molitor, 20, will have become proprietor by virtue of the authority for this purpose which it has received from the United States Government, in view of the erection of the American commemorative monuments above mentioned.

This acquisition by the French Government from the said Commission will be accomplished for the sole price of one franc for the totality of the real estate necessary for each monument.

ARTICLE II

When the land necessary for the erection of the American memorials in question has not been acquired by the American Battle Monuments Commis-

¹ TIAS 1720, *post*, p. 1215.

² 42 Stat. 1509.