

LEASE OF CERTAIN AREAS FOR NAVAL OR COALING STATIONS

Lease signed at Havana July 2, 1903

Ratified by Cuba August 17, 1903

Approved by the President of the United States October 2, 1903

Ratifications exchanged at Washington October 6, 1903

Entered into force October 6, 1903

*Continued in effect by treaty of May 29, 1934*¹

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The United States of America and the Republic of Cuba, being desirous to conclude the conditions of the lease of areas of land and water for the establishment of naval or coaling stations in Guantanamo and Bahia Honda the Republic of Cuba made to the United States by the Agreement of February 16/23, 1903,² in fulfillment of the provisions of Article Seven of the Constitutional Appendix of the Republic of Cuba, have appointed their Plenipotentiaries to that end.

The President of the United States of America, HERBERT G. SQUIERS, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Havana,

And the President of the Republic of Cuba, JOSÉ M. GARCIA MONTES, Secretary of Finance, and acting Secretary of State and Justice, who, after communicating to each other their respective full powers, found to be in due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I

The United States of America agrees and covenants to pay to the Republic of Cuba the annual sum of two thousand dollars, in gold coin of the United States, as long as the former shall occupy and use said areas of land by virtue of said Agreement.

All private lands and other real property within said areas shall be acquired forthwith by the Republic of Cuba.

The United States of America agrees to furnish to the Republic of Cuba the sums necessary for the purchase of said private lands and properties and

¹ TS 866, *post*, p. 1161.

² TS 418, *ante*, p. 1113.