

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

Treaty signed at Washington July 17, 1858
Senate advice and consent to ratification March 8, 1859
Ratified by Belgium March 17, 1859
Ratified by the President of the United States April 13, 1859
Ratifications exchanged at Washington April 16, 1859
Entered into force April 16, 1859
Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 19, 1859
Supplemented by convention of May 20, 1863,¹ and additional article of December 20, 1868²
Article XV made obsolete by consular convention of December 5, 1868,³ as supplemented
Terminated July 1, 1875⁴

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The United States of America on the one part and His Majesty the King of the Belgians on the other part, wishing to regulate in a formal manner their reciprocal relations of commerce and navigation, and further to strengthen, through the development of their interests respectively, the bonds of friendship and good understanding so happily established between the governments and people of the two countries; and desiring, with this view, to conclude, by common agreement, a treaty establishing conditions equally advantageous to the commerce and navigation of both states, have, to that effect, appointed as their plenipotentiaries, namely: the President of the United States, Lewis Cass, Secretary of State of the United States, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, Mr. Henri Bosch Spencer, decorated with the cross of iron, Chevalier of the order of Leopold, Chevalier of the Polar Star, his Chargé d'Affaires in the United States, who, after having communicated to each other their full powers, ascertained to be in good and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following articles:

¹ TS 22, *post*, p. 468.

² TS 26, *post*, p. 483.

³ TS 25, *post*, p. 478.

⁴ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States July 1, 1874.

⁵ For a detailed study of this treaty, see 7 Miller 931.