

WEST INDIES COLONIZATION

*Agreement signed at Washington July 19, 1862, with annexed copy of
a provisional act of "Commissioner for and officiating Governor
General of the Danish West India Islands" dated at St. Croix
January 26, 1849*

Entered into force July 19, 1862

Expired July 19, 1867

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AGREEMENT

This agreement, entered into between Waldemar Rudolph von Raasloff Chargé d'Affaires, for and on behalf of the Government of Denmark, and Caleb B. Smith, Secretary of the Interior, for and on behalf of the Government of the United States, witnesseth:

That the Government of Denmark agrees to receive from the United States through its duly constituted authorities, for a term of five years, at a landing place called West end, on the danish island of St Croix in the West Indies, all negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color delivered from on board vessels seized in the prosecution of the Slave trade by Commanders of United States armed vessels and to provide them with suitable instruction and with comfortable clothing and shelter and to employ them at wages in conformity with the provisional act issued by the Governor of St Croix on the twenty sixth day of January eighteen hundred and forty nine, entitled "Provisional act to regulate the relations between the proprietors of landed estates and the rural population of free laborers (a copy of which is hereto annexed) for a period not exceeding five years from the date of their being landed at the aforesaid landing place, and that the United States shall not be liable for any expenses on account of said Negroes, mulattoes, or persons of color after having landed them at the aforesaid landing place; And the Government of the United States agrees to deliver to the Government of Denmark, or its duly constituted authorities, at the aforesaid landing place on the Danish island of St Croix in the West Indies, whenever practicable, all negroes, mulattoes or persons of color delivered from on board vessels seized in the

¹ For a detailed study of this agreement, see 8 Miller 833.