

BOUNDARIES: ALASKA AND CANADA

Convention signed at Washington April 21, 1906

Senate advice and consent to ratification April 25, 1906

Ratified by the United Kingdom June 9, 1906

Ratified by the President of the United States July 10, 1906

Ratifications exchanged at Washington August 16, 1906

Entered into force August 16, 1906

Proclaimed by the President of the United States August 21, 1906

Obsolete except for article II

34 Stat. 2948; Treaty Series 452

Whereas by a treaty between the United States of America and His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, for the cession of the Russian possessions in North America to the United States, concluded March 30, 1867,¹ the most northerly part of the boundary line between the said Russian possessions and those of His Britannic Majesty, as established by the prior convention between Russia and Great Britain, of February 28/16, 1825,² is defined as following the 141st degree of longitude west from Greenwich, beginning at the point of intersection of the said 141st degree of west longitude with a certain line drawn parallel with the coast, and thence continuing from the said point of intersection, upon the said meridian of the 141st degree in its prolongation as far as the Frozen Ocean;

And whereas, the location of said meridian of the 141st degree of west longitude between the terminal points thereof defined in said treaty, is dependent upon the scientific ascertainment of convenient points along the said meridian and the survey of the country intermediate between such points, involving no question of interpretation of the aforesaid treaties but merely the determination of such points and their connecting lines by the ordinary processes of observation and survey conducted by competent astronomers, engineers and surveyors;

And whereas such determination has not hitherto been made by a joint survey as is requisite in order to give complete effect to said treaties;

¹ TS 301, *ante*, vol. 11, p. 1216, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS.

² For text, see *British and Foreign State Papers*, vol. 12, p. 38.