

LEASE OF LANDS FOR COALING AND NAVAL STATIONS

*Agreement signed at Havana February 16, 1903, and at Washington
February 23, 1903*

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Treaty Series 418

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC
OF CUBA FOR THE LEASE (SUBJECT TO TERMS TO BE AGREED UPON BY
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS) TO THE UNITED STATES OF LANDS IN CUBA
FOR COALING AND NAVAL STATIONS

The United States of America and the Republic of Cuba, being desirous to execute fully the provisions of Article VII of the Act of Congress approved March second, 1901,² and of Article VII of the Appendix to the Constitution of the Republic of Cuba promulgated on the 20th of May, 1902, which provide:

“Article VII. To enable the United States to maintain the independence of Cuba, and to protect the people thereof, as well as for its own defense, the Cuban Government will sell or lease to the United States the lands necessary for coaling or naval stations, at certain specified points, to be agreed upon with the President of the United States.”

have reached an agreement to that end, as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Republic of Cuba hereby leases to the United States, for the time required for the purposes of coaling and naval stations, the following described areas of land and water situated in the Island of Cuba:

1st. In Guantanamo (see Hydrographic Office Chart 1857).

From a point on the south coast, 4.37 nautical miles to the eastward of Windward Point Light House, a line running north (true) a distance of 4.25 nautical miles;

¹ TS 866, *post*, p. 1161.

² 31 Stat. 898.