

EXTRADITION

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Senate advice and consent to ratification March 27, 1874

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Ratified by Belgium April 16, 1874

Ratifications exchanged at Brussels April 30, 1874

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The United States of America and His Majesty the King of the Belgians having judged it expedient with a view to the better administration of justice, and to the prevention of crimes within their respective territories and jurisdiction that persons convicted of or charged with the crimes hereinafter specified, and being fugitives from justice should, under certain circumstances, be reciprocally delivered up, have resolved to conclude a Convention for that purpose, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries; the President of the United States of America, Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, Maurice Delfosse, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in the United States; who after reciprocal communication of their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles, to wit:

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States and the Government of Belgium mutually agree to deliver up persons, who having been convicted of or charged with any of the crimes specified in the following article, committed within the jurisdiction of one of the contracting parties, shall seek an asylum, or be found within the territories of the other: Provided that this shall only be done upon such evidence of criminality as, according to the laws of the place where the fugitive or person so charged shall be found, would justify his or her apprehension and commitment for trial, if the crime had been there committed.

¹ TS 30, *post*, p. 501.