

EXTRADITION

Convention signed at Washington June 13, 1882

Ratified by Belgium July 24, 1882

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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 the prevention of crime within their respective territories and jurisdictions, that persons charged with or convicted of the crimes and offenses hereinafter enumerated, and being fugitives from justice, should, under certain circumstances, be reciprocally delivered up, have resolved to conclude a new Convention for that purpose, and have appointed, as their Plenipotentiaries: the President of the United States, Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State of the United States; and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, Mr. Théodore de Bounder de Melsbroeck, Commander of His Order of Léopold, &c., &c., His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary near the government of the United States; who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States and the Government of Belgium, mutually agree to deliver up persons who, having been charged, as principals or accessories, with or convicted of any of the crimes and offences 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.

¹TS 409, *post*, p. 508.