

RECAPTURED VESSELS

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CONVENTION BETWEEN THE LORDS, THE STATES-GENERAL OF THE UNITED-NETHERLANDS, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CONCERNING VESSELLS RECAPTURED

The Lords, the States-General of the United Netherlands, and the United States of America, being inclined to establish some uniform Principles, with relation to Prizes, made by Vessells of War, and Commissioned by the Two contracting Powers, upon their common Enemies, and to Vessells of the Subjects of either Party, captured by the Enemy, and recaptured by Vessells of War, commissioned by either Party, have agreed upon the following Articles.

ARTICLE 1

The Vessells of either of the Two Nations, recaptured by the Privateers of the other, shall be restored to the first Proprietor, if such Vessells have not been Four and Twenty Hours in the Power of the Enemy; provided the Owner of the Vessel recaptured pay therefor, one Third of the Value of the Vessel, as also, of that of the Cargo, the Cannons and Apparel, which Third shall be valued, by agreement, between the parties interested; or, if they cannot agree, thereon, among themselves they shall address themselves to the Officers of the Admiralty, of the Place, where the Privateer, who has retaken the Vessel, shall have conducted her.

¹ See footnote 2, *ante*, p. 6.

² For a detailed study of this convention, see 2 Miller 91.