

# Switzerland

## DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

*Convention signed at Washington May 18, 1847*

*Entered into force May 18, 1847*

*Ratified by Switzerland July 2, 1847*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification April 26, 1848*

*Ratified by the President of the United States April 29, 1848*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington May 3, 1848*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States May 4, 1848*

*Superseded November 8, 1855, by convention of November 25, 1850*<sup>1</sup>

9 Stat. 902; Treaty Series 352<sup>2</sup>

The President of the United States of America, and the Federal Directory of the Swiss Confederation, animated by the desire to secure and extend, by an amicable Convention the relations happily existing between the two countries, have, to this effect, appointed, as their Plenipotentiaries; to wit—the President of the United States of America, James Buchanan, Secretary of State of the United States; and the Federal Directory of the Swiss Confederation, A. C. Cazenove, Swiss Consul at Alexandria; who after the exchange of their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and signed the following articles—

### ARTICLE I

The citizens of each one of the high contracting parties shall have power to dispose of their personal property, within the jurisdiction of the other, either by testament, donation, or *ab intestato*, or in any other manner; and their heirs, being citizens of the other party, shall inherit all such personal estates, whether by testament, or *ab intestato*, and they may take possession of the same, either personally, or by attorney, and dispose of them as they

<sup>1</sup> TS 353, *post*, p. 894.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed study of this convention, see 5 Miller 169.