

RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS AT SEA

Convention signed at Naples January 13, 1855

Senate advice and consent to ratification March 3, 1855

Ratified by the President of the United States March 20, 1855

Ratified by the Two Sicilies April 4, 1855

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Entered into force July 14, 1855

Proclaimed by the President of the United States July 16, 1855

Made obsolete in 1860 upon consolidation of the Two Sicilies with Italy¹

11 Stat. 607; Treaty Series 364

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE KINGDOM OF THE TWO SICILIES SIGNED AT NAPLES 13TH JANUARY 1855

The United States of America and his Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the two Sicilies, equally animated with a desire to maintain and to preserve from all harm, the relations of good understanding which have, at all times, so happily subsisted between themselves, as also between the inhabitants of their respective States, have mutually agreed to perpetuate, by means of a formal convention, the principles of the right of neutrals at sea, which they recognise as indispensable conditions of all freedom of navigation and maritime trade. For this purpose the President of the United States has conferred full powers on Robert Dale-Owen, Minister Resident at Naples of the United States of America; and his Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the two Sicilies has conferred like powers on Mr. Louis Carafa della Spina, of the Dukes of Traetto, Weekly Majordomo of his Majesty, Commendator of his Royal Order of the Civil Merit of Francis the first, Grand Cross of the distinguished R¹ Spanish Order of Charles the third, Great Officer of the Order of the Legion d'Honneur, Grand Cross of the Order of S. Michael of Baviera, Grand Cross of the Florentine Order of the Merit under the title of S. Joseph, Grand Cross of the Order of Parma of the Merit under the title of S. Ludovico, Grand Cross of the Brazilian Order of the Rose, provisionally charged with the Portfolio of Foreign Affairs: and said plenipotentiaries after having

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, including a discussion of its duration, see 6 Miller 859.