

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES

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MILITARY CONVENTION FOR THE PROVISIONAL SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES

The undersigned met in the City of Mexico on the twenty ninth day of February 1848 for the purpose of complying with the 2nd Article of the treaty of peace which was signed at the town of Guadalupe Hidalgo on the 2nd instant,¹ in which it is agreed as follows:

“Immediately upon the signature of this treaty a convention shall be entered into between a Commissioner or Commissioners appointed by the General in Chief of the forces of the United States and such as may be appointed by the Mexican Government; to the end that a provisional suspension of hostilities shall take place, and that, in the places occupied by the said forces, constitutional order may be re-established, as regards the political, administrative and judicial branches, so far as this shall be permitted by the circumstances of Military occupation”.

When having mutually exhibited and examined their respective full powers which were found full and satisfactory they agreed upon the following Articles.

ARTICLE 1ST

There shall be an absolute and general suspension of Arms and hostilities throughout the whole republic of Mexico between the forces of the United States of America and those of the United Mexican States:—and consequently; immediately after the publication of this convention for the suspension of hostilities, in any place or district, no act of hostility of any kind shall be committed by the forces of either party;—and if any person or persons be guilty of any breach of this article, they shall be individually liable to be tried and condemned under the laws of War.

¹ TS 207, *ante*, p. 791.