

Tonga

AMITY, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION

Treaty signed at Nukualofa, Tongatabu, October 2, 1886

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with an amendment, January 19, 1888*¹

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with an amendment, February 7, 1888*¹

Ratified by Tonga August 1, 1888

Ratifications exchanged at Nukualofa August 1, 1888

Proclaimed by the President of the United States September 18, 1888

Entered into force September 18, 1888

*Terminated (with exception of article VI) July 28, 1920*²

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TREATY OF AMITY, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION, BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE KING OF TONGA

The United States of America, and the King of Tonga, mutually desirous of maintaining and strengthening their relations and interests; have resolved to conclude a treaty of amity, commerce and navigation; and to this end have empowered as their representatives: The President of the United States; George H. Bates, Special Commissioner of the United States to Tonga; And His Majesty, the King of Tonga; the Reverend Shirley Waldemar Baker,

¹ The U.S. amendment struck out all of art. VII and inserted a new article. The text printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President. The text of art. VII as signed is as follows:

"All steam vessels which may be employed by the Government of the United States in the carrying of their mails in or across the Pacific Ocean shall have free access to all ports of the Tonga Islands and shall be there subject to no harbor or pilotage dues; Provided, that no vessel shall be entitled to such exemption, except upon condition of carrying, free of charge the Tongan mails to ports of destination and call of such vessel."

² Pursuant to notice of termination July 28, 1919, given by the British Foreign Office on behalf of the King of Tonga.