

Orange Free State

FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE, AND EXTRADITION

Convention signed at Bloemfonten December 22, 1871

Senate advice and consent to ratification April 24, 1872

Ratified by the President of the United States April 27, 1872

Ratified by the Orange Free State May 10, 1872

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Entered into force August 18, 1873

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The United States of America and the Orange Free State, equally animated by the desire to draw more closely the bonds of friendship, which so happily exist between the two republics, as well as to augment, by all the means at their disposal the commercial intercourse of their respective citizens, have mutually resolved to conclude a general convention of friendship, commerce and extradition.

For this purpose they have appointed as their plenipotentiaries, to wit: The President of the United States Willard W. Edgcomb, special agent of the United States and their consul at the Cape of Good Hope, and the President of the Orange Free State Friedrich Kaufman Höhne gov. secty., who, after communication of their respective full powers, have agreed to the following articles:

ARTICLE I

The citizens of the United States of America and the citizens of the Orange Free State, shall be admitted and treated upon a footing of reciprocal equality in the two countries, where such admission and treatment shall not conflict with the constitutional or legal provisions of the contracting parties. No pecuniary or other more burdensome condition shall be imposed upon them, than upon the citizens of the country where they reside, nor any condition whatever to which the latter shall not be subject.

The foregoing privileges, however, shall not extend to the enjoyment of political rights.

¹ Pursuant to notice of denunciation given by the Orange Free State.