

# Samoa

## FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCE

*Treaty signed at Washington January 17, 1878*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification, with amendments, January 30, 1878*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by the President of the United States, with amendments, February 8, 1878*<sup>1</sup>

*Ratified by Samoa February 11, 1878*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington February 11, 1878*

*Entered into force February 11, 1878*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 13, 1878*

*Terminated by treaty of December 2, 1899, between the United States, Germany, and Great Britain*<sup>2</sup>

20 Stat. 704; Treaty Series 312

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Samoan Islands, being desirous of concluding a treaty of friendship and commerce, the President of the United States has for this purpose conferred full powers upon William M. Evarts, Secretary of State; and the Government of the Samoan Islands has conferred like powers upon MK. Le Mamea, its Envoy Extraordinary to the United States. And the said Plenipotentiaries having exchanged their full powers, which were found to be in due form, have agreed upon the following articles.

### Article I

There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Samoan Islands.

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. amendments called for two changes in the first sentence of art. IV: (1) addition after the word "Samoa" of the phrase "under such regulations and limitations as the United States may provide"; and (2) substitution of the word "officer" for "officers."

The text printed here is the amended text as proclaimed by the President.

<sup>2</sup> TS 314, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 276.