

BOUNDARY WATERS: RIO GRANDE AND RIO COLORADO

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CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES OF MEXICO, TOUCHING THE BOUNDARY-LINE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHERE IT FOLLOWS THE BED OF THE RIO GRANDE AND THE RIO COLORADO

Whereas, in virtue of the 5th article of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico, concluded February 2, 1848,¹ and of the first article of that of December 30, 1853,² certain parts of the dividing line between the two countries follow the middle of the channel of the Rio Grande and the Rio Colorado, to avoid difficulties which may arise through the changes of channel to which those rivers are subject through the operation of natural forces, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United States of Mexico have resolved to conclude a convention which shall lay down rules for the determination of such questions, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America, Frederick T. Frelinghuy-
sen, Secretary of State of the United States; and the President of the United States of Mexico, Matias Romero, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Mexican States;

Who, after exhibiting their respective Full Powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

¹ TS 207, *ante*, p. 791.

² TS 208, *ante*, p. 812.