

Liberia

COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION

Treaty signed at London October 21, 1862

Ratified by Liberia December 24, 1862

Senate advice and consent to ratification January 9, 1863

Ratified by the President of the United States January 12, 1863

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The United States of America and the Republic of Liberia, desiring to fix, in a permanent and equitable manner, the rules to be observed in the intercourse and commerce they desire to establish between their respective countries have agreed for this purpose to conclude a treaty of commerce and navigation, and have judged that the said end cannot be better obtained than by taking the most perfect equality and reciprocity for the basis of their agreement: and to effect this they have named as their respective Plenipotentiaries, that is to say: The President of the United States of America, Charles Francis Adams, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America at the Court of St. James: and The Republic of Liberia, His Excellency Stephen Allen Benson, President thereof, who after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I

There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between the United States of America and the Republic of Liberia, and also between the citizens of both countries.

¹ TS 956, *post*, p. 595.

² For a detailed study of this treaty, see 8 Miller 859.