

# United Kingdom

## PEACE

*Preliminary articles of peace signed at Paris November 30, 1782* <sup>1</sup>  
*Ratified and proclaimed by the Congress of the United States (Continental Congress) April 15, 1783*  
*Ratified by Great Britain August 6, 1783*  
*Ratifications exchanged at Paris August 13, 1783*  
*Replaced by treaty of September 3, 1783* <sup>2</sup>

8 Stat. 54; Treaty Series 102 <sup>3</sup>

Articles agreed upon, by and between Richard Oswald Esquire, the Commissioner of his Britannic Majesty, for treating of Peace with the Commissioners of the United States of America, in behalf of his said Majesty, on the one part; and John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, and Henry Laurens, four of the Commissioners of the said States, for treating of Peace

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<sup>1</sup> On the last page of the agreement there is a separate article, which was not ratified, which reads as follows:

### SEPARATE ARTICLE

"It is hereby understood and agreed that in case Great Britain, at the conclusion of the present war, shall recover, or be put in possession of West Florida, the line of north boundary between the said province and the United States shall be a line drawn from the mouth of the river Yassous, where it unites with the Mississippi, due east, to the river Apalachicola.

Done at Paris the thirtieth day of November, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

RICHARD OSWALD	[SEAL]
JOHN JAY	[SEAL]
B. FRANKLIN	[SEAL]
JOHN ADAMS	[SEAL]
HENRY LAURENS	[SEAL]

Attest: CALEB WHITEFOORD,  
    *Sec'y to the British Commission.*  
    W. T. FRANKLIN,  
    *Sec'y to the American Commission."*

<sup>2</sup> TS 104, *post*, p. 8.

<sup>3</sup> For a detailed study of these preliminary articles, see 2 Miller 96.