

BOUNDARIES, SLAVE TRADE, EXTRADITION (WEBSTER-ASHBURTON TREATY)

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Senate advice and consent to ratification August 20, 1842

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Article X supplemented April 4, 1890, by convention of July 12, 1889¹

*Article X terminated June 24, 1935, by treaty of December 22, 1931,²
except as to Canada, the Irish Free State, New Zealand, and South
Africa³*

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A TREATY TO SETTLE AND DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE POSSESSIONS OF HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY IN NORTH AMERICA FOR THE FINAL SUPPRESSION OF THE AFRICAN SLAVE-TRADE, AND FOR THE GIVING UP OF CRIMINALS, FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, IN CERTAIN CASES

Whereas, certain portions of the line of boundary between the United States of America and the British Dominions in North America, described in the second article of the Treaty of Peace of 1783,⁵ have not yet been ascertained and determined, notwithstanding the repeated attempts which have been heretofore made for that purpose; and whereas, it is now thought to be for the interest of both parties that, avoiding further discussion of their respective rights arising, in this respect, under the said Treaty, they should agree on a conventional line in said portions of the said boundary, such as may be convenient to both parties, with such equivalents and compensations as are deemed just and reasonable; and whereas, by the treaty concluded at Ghent, on the 24th day of December, 1814,⁶ between the United States

¹ TS 139, *post*, p. 211.

² TS 849, *post*, p. 482.

³ Terminated for South Africa Apr. 30, 1951, by treaty of Dec. 18, 1947 (TIAS 2243, *ante*, vol. 11, p. 512, SOUTH AFRICA).

⁴ For a detailed study of this treaty, see 4 Miller 363.

⁵ Treaty signed at Paris, Sept. 3, 1783 (TS 104, *ante*, p. 9).

⁶ TS 109, *ante*, p. 41.