

FISHERIES, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION IN NORTH AMERICA

Treaty signed at Washington June 5, 1854

Senate advice and consent to ratification August 2, 1854

Ratified by the President of the United States August 9, 1854

Ratified by the United Kingdom August 17, 1854

Ratifications exchanged at Washington September 9, 1854

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Proclaimed by the President of the United States September 11, 1854

*Terminated March 17, 1866*¹

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The Government of the United States being equally desirous with Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain to avoid further misunderstanding between their respective citizens and subjects, in regard to the extent of the right of fishing on the coasts of British North America, secured to each by Article I. of a convention between the United States and Great Britain, signed at London on the 20th day of October, 1818;³ and being also desirous to regulate the commerce and navigation between their respective territories and people, and more especially between Her Majesty's Possessions in North America and the United States in such manner as to render the same reciprocally beneficial and satisfactory, have respectively named Plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon—that is to say, the President of the United States of America, William L. Marcy, Secretary of State of the United States, and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Lord Bruce, and Elgin, a Peer of the United Kingdom, Knight of the Most Antient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and Governor General in and over all Her Britannic Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of North America, and in and over the Island of Prince Edward; who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

¹ Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Mar. 17, 1865.

² For a detailed study of this treaty, see 6 Miller 667.

³ TS 112, *ante*, p. 57.