

CLAIMS

Convention signed at St. Petersburg July 12, 1822, under mediation of Emperor of Russia, for determining indemnification under decision of Emperor of Russia as to true construction of first article of Treaty of Ghent

Ratified by Russia August 4, 1822

Ratified by the United Kingdom October 4, 1822

Senate advice and consent to ratification January 3, 1823

Ratified by the President of the United States January 9, 1823

Ratifications exchanged at Washington January 10, 1823

Entered into force January 10, 1823

Proclaimed by the President of the United States January 11, 1823

*Superseded by convention of November 13, 1826*¹

8 Stat. 282; Treaty Series 114²

In the name of the most-holy & indivisible Trinity:

The President of the United-States of America, and His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, having agreed, in pursuance of the fifth Article of the Convention concluded at London on the 20th day of October 1818,³ to refer the differences which had arisen between the two Governments, upon the true construction and meaning of the first Article of the Treaty of Peace and Amity, concluded at Ghent on the 24th day of December 1814,⁴ to the friendly arbitration of His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, mutually engaging to consider His decision as final and conclusive; And His said Imperial Majesty, having, after due consideration, given His decision upon these differences in the following terms: to wit:

“That the United States of America are entitled to claim from Great-Britain a just indemnification for all private property, which the British forces may have carried away; and as the question relates to Slaves more especially, for all the Slaves that the British forces may have carried away from places and territories of which the Treaty stipulates the restitution, in quitting these same places and territories.

¹ TS 115, *post*, p. 71.

² For a detailed study of this convention, see 3 Miller 91.

³ TS 112, *ante*, p. 57.

⁴ TS 109, *ante*, p. 41.