

## PEACE AND AMITY (TREATY OF GHENT)

*Treaty signed at Ghent December 24, 1814*

*Ratified by Great Britain December 31, 1814*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification February 16, 1815*

*Ratified by the President of the United States February 17, 1815*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington February 17, 1815*

*Entered into force February 17, 1815*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States February 18, 1815*

8 Stat. 218; Treaty Series 109<sup>1</sup>

His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America desirous of terminating the War which has unhappily subsisted between the two Countries and of restoring upon principles of perfect reciprocity, Peace, Friendship and good Understanding between them, have for that purpose appointed their respective Plenipotentiaries, that is to say, His Britannic Majesty on his part, has appointed the Right Honourable James Lord Gambier, late Admiral of the White, now Admiral of the Red Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet; Henry Goulburn Esquire, a Member of the Imperial Parliament and Under Secretary of State; and William Adams Esquire, Doctor of Civil Laws: and the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof has appointed John Quincy Adams, James A. Bayard, Henry Clay, Jonathan Russell and Albert Gallatin Citizens of the United States; who after a reciprocal communication of their respective Full Powers have agreed upon the following articles.

### ARTICLE THE FIRST<sup>2</sup>

There shall be a firm and universal Peace between His Britannic Majesty and the United States and between their respective Countries, Territories, Cities, Towns and people, of every degree without exception of places or persons. All hostilities both by Sea and land shall cease as soon as this Treaty shall have been ratified by both parties as hereinafter mentioned. All territory, places and possessions whatsoever taken by either party from the other during the War, or which may be taken after the signing of this Treaty

<sup>1</sup> For a detailed study of this treaty, see 2 Miller 574.

<sup>2</sup> For a 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, see TS 114, *post*, p. 61.