

PREFACE

The scheme of this work as a whole is fully described in volume 1. It may be said here that the arrangement of the documents is chronological according to date of signature; each document has a serial number, but the numbers are merely for convenience and have no other significance. All international acts of the United States which have gone into force are in general included, whether now in force or not; but postal conventions and treaties with Indian tribes are not included. Extrinsic and related papers which are referred to in the documents proper are also printed, so far as possible.

The headnote to each document gives the relevant dates; the notes which follow each document are mainly textual and procedural but treat to some extent of the diplomatic history of the document.

As the document volumes are to be globally indexed, there is no separate index for this volume.

The print of the documents and of the quotations in the notes is literal and thus includes any peculiarities and even any errors of the original. Certain texts are reproduced in facsimile.

This volume contains thirty documents of the treaty edition, numbered 122 to 151, inclusive. The period covered by Documents 122 to 150 is from 1846 to 1852. The final document in the volume (Document 151) is an agreement with the Netherlands (Batavian Republic), effected by an exchange of notes of December 7 and 12, 1799, for the settlement of the claim of an American citizen in the case of the schooner *Wilmington Packet*; in its proper chronological order Document 151 should have been printed in volume 2; but the notes of 1799 were not observed when that volume was in course of preparation.

A facsimile reproduction of the example of Disturnell's Map (see pp. 340-70) which was added to the American original of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (Document 129), is contained in a pocket inside the back cover of this volume.

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