

PREFACE

The plan of this treaty edition is described in volume 1. In general, all international acts of the United States that have ever been in effect, whether currently in force or not, are within the scope of the edition; but postal conventions are not included, nor are treaties with Indian tribes, the latter not being international acts. The arrangement of the documents is chronological, generally by date of signature, but by that of the first diplomatic note in the case of agreements effected by exchange of notes of two or more dates. Extrinsic and related papers which are annexed to, or which by reference or otherwise properly form part of, a document text, are included if possible, immediately after the document itself. Preceding each document text is a headnote which gives the principal relevant dates. Following each document text are editorial notes which deal mainly with textual and procedural matters and with the diplomatic history of the agreement. The document texts, and likewise quoted material (other than translations, which are usually revised) in the editorial notes, are printed literally and thus include any peculiarities and even any errors of the source papers. Oriental-language versions of certain document texts are reproduced in facsimile.

The documents are numbered in the order of their inclusion in the edition, but the numbers are merely for convenience of reference and have no other significance.

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

This volume contains forty documents of the treaty edition, numbered from 201 to 240 inclusive. The period covered is from September 1858 to July 1863.

Dr. Hunter Miller, who came into the Department of State in 1929 as Editor of the Treaties and who compiled volumes 1-7 of this edition, retired from the Government service early in 1944. Prior to his retirement Mr. Miller had prepared document texts and drafted editorial notes which comprise about three fourths of the present volume; and subsequently he has been good enough to read in manuscript the material for the remainder of the volume and to examine proof of the whole.

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