

TEXAS.

[The treaties with Texas were superseded by the annexation of that republic to the United States.]

TEXAS, 1838.

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS ARISING FROM THE SEIZURE OF THE BRIGS POCKET AND DURANGO, CONCLUDED AT HOUSTON APRIL 11, 1838; RATIFICATION ADVISED BY SENATE JUNE 13, 1838; RATIFIED BY PRESIDENT JUNE 21, 1838; RATIFICATIONS EXCHANGED AT WASHINGTON JULY 6, 1838; PROCLAIMED JULY 6, 1838.

April 11, 1838.

Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Texas, to terminate the reclamations of the former Government for the capture, seizure, and detention of the brigs Pocket and Durango, and for injuries suffered by American citizens on board the Pocket.

Alcée La Branche, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, near the Republic of Texas, acting on behalf of the said United States of America, and R. A. Irion, Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas, acting on behalf of the said Republic, have agreed to the following articles:

Negotiators.

ARTICLE I.

The Government of the Republic of Texas, with a view to satisfy the aforesaid reclamations for the capture, seizure, and confiscation of the two vessels aforementioned, as well as for indemnity to American citizens who have suffered injuries from the said Government of Texas, or its officers, obliges itself to pay the sum of eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$11,750) to the Government of the United States of America, to be distributed amongst the claimants by the said Government of the United States of America.

Texas to indemnify the United States.

ARTICLE II.

The sum of eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, (\$11,750,) agreed on in the first art[icle], shall be paid in gold or silver, with interest at six per cent., one year after the exchange of the ratifications of this convention. The said payment shall be made at the seat of Government of the Republic of Texas, into the hands of such person or persons as shall be duly authorized by the Government of the United States of America to receive the same.

Payment of the indemnity.

ARTICLE III.

The present convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications thereof shall be exchanged in the city of Washington, in the space of three months from this date, or sooner if possible.

Ratifications.

In faith whereof the parties above named have respectively subscribed these articles, and thereto affixed their seals.

Signatures.

Done at the city of Houston on the eleventh day of the month of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

Date.

ALCÉE LA BRANCHE. [L. S.]
R. A. IRION. [L. S.]

TEXAS, 1838.

April 25, 1838.

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS RELATIVE TO BOUNDARY, CONCLUDED AT WASHINGTON APRIL 25, 1838; RATIFICATION ADVISED BY SENATE MAY 10, 1838; RATIFIED BY PRESIDENT OCTOBER 4, 1838; RATIFICATIONS EXCHANGED AT WASHINGTON OCTOBER 12, 1838; PROCLAIMED OCTOBER 13, 1838.

Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Texas, for marking the boundary between them.

Preamble.

Whereas the treaty of limits made and concluded on the twelfth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, between the United States of America on the one part and the United Mexican States on the other, is binding upon the Republic of Texas, the same having been entered into at a time when Texas formed a part of the said United Mexican States;

And whereas it is deemed proper and expedient, in order to prevent future disputes and collisions between the United States and Texas in regard to the boundary between the two countries as designated by the said treaty, that a portion of the same should be run and marked without unnecessary delay:

Negotiators.

The President of the United States has appointed John Forsyth their Plenipotentiary, and the President of the Republic of Texas has appointed Memucan Hunt its Plenipotentiary;

And the said Plenipotentiaries, having exchanged their full powers, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

Boundary line.

Each of the contracting parties shall appoint a commissioner and surveyor, who shall meet, before the termination of twelve months from the exchange of the ratifications of this convention, at New Orleans, and proceed to run and mark that portion of the said boundary which extends from the mouth of the Sabine, where that river enters the Gulph of Mexico, to the Red River. They shall make out plans and keep journals of their proceedings, and the result agreed upon by them shall be considered as part of this convention, and shall have the same force as if it were inserted therein. The two Governments will amicably agree respecting the necessary articles to be furnished to those persons, and also as to their respective escorts, should such be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE II.

Each party to exercise jurisdiction until the line is marked.

And it is agreed that until this line shall be marked out, as is provided for in the foregoing article, each of the contracting parties shall continue to exercise jurisdiction in all territory over which its jurisdiction has hitherto been exercised; and that the remaining portion of the said boundary line shall be run and marked at such time hereafter as may suit the convenience of both the contracting parties, until which time each of the said parties shall exercise, without the interference of the other, within the territory of which the boundary shall not have been so marked and run, jurisdiction to the same extent to which it has been heretofore usually exercised.

ARTICLE III.

Ratifications.

The present convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, within the term of six months from the date hereof, or sooner if possible.

Signatures.

In witness whereof we, the respective Plenipotentiaries, have signed the same, and have hereunto affixed our respective seals.

Date.

Done at Washington this twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, in the sixty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America, and in the third of that of the Republic of Texas.

JOHN FORSYTH. [L. S.]
MEMUCAN HUNT. [L. S.]