

**1**PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, PUBLISHING THE ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED WITH HIS MAJESTY, IN APRIL, 1817, RELATIVE TO THE NAVAL FORCE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE TWO POWERS UPON THE AMERICAN LAKES.—WASHINGTON, 28TH APRIL, 1818.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*A Proclamation*

WHEREAS an Arrangement was entered into at the City of Washington, in the month of April, in the year of Our Lord, 1817, between Richard Rush, Esq., at that time acting as Secretary for the Department of State of The United States, for and in behalf of the Government of the United States, and the Right Honourable Charles Bagot, His Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, for and in behalf of His Britannic Majesty which Arrangement is in the words following, to wit:

'The Naval Force to be maintained upon the American Lakes, by His Majesty and the Government of The United States, shall henceforth be confined to the following Vessels on each side; that is:

'On Lake Ontario, to one vessel not exceeding one hundred tons burden, and armed with one eighteen-pound cannon.

'On the Upper Lakes, to two Vessels, not exceeding like burden each, and armed with like force.

'On the waters of Lake Champlain, to one Vessel not exceeding like burden, and armed with like force.

'All other armed Vessels on these Lakes shall be forthwith dismantled, and no other Vessels of war shall be there built or armed.

'If either Party should hereafter be desirous of annulling this Stipulation, and should give notice to that effect to the other Party, it shall cease to be binding after the expiration of six months from the date of such notice.

'The Naval Force so to be limited shall be restricted to such services as will, in no respect, interfere with the proper duties of the Armed Vessels of the other Party.'

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And whereas, the Senate of The United States have approved of the said Arrangement, and recommended that it should be carried into effect; the same having also received the sanction of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Britannic Majesty:

Now, therefore, I, James Monroe, President of The United States, do, by this my Proclamation, make known and declare that the Arrangement aforesaid, and every stipulation thereof, has been duly entered into, concluded, and confirmed, and is of full force and effect.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this 28th day of April, in the year of Our Lord 1818, and of the Independence of the United States the 42nd.

By the President:

JAMES MONROE.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,  
*Secretary of State.*

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