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And His Britannic Majesty engages, on his part, to put an end, immediately after the Ratification of the present Treaty to hostilities with all the Tribes or Nations of Indians with whom he may be at War at the time of such Ratification; and forthwith to restore to such Tribes or Nations, respectively, all the Possessions, Rights and Privileges, which they may have enjoyed or been entitled to in 1811, previous to such hostilities: Provided always, that such Tribes or Nations shall agree to desist from all hostilities against His Britannic Majesty, and his Subjects, upon the Ratification of the present Treaty being notified to such Tribes or Nations, and shall so desist accordingly.

X. Whereas the Traffic in Slaves is irreconcilable with the principles of humanity and justice; And whereas, both His Majesty and the United States are desirous of continuing their efforts to promote its entire abolition; it is hereby agreed that both the Contracting Parties shall use their best endeavours to accomplish so desirable an object.

XI. This Treaty, when the same shall have been ratified on both sides, without alteration by either of the Contracting Parties, and the Ratifications mutually exchanged, shall be binding on both Parties, and the Ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington, in the space of four months from this day, or sooner if practicable.

In faith whereof, we, the respective Plenipotentiaries, have signed this Treaty, and have hereunto affixed our seals.

Done, in Triplicate, at Ghent, the 24th day of December, 1814.

(L.S.) GAMBIER,
(L.S.) HENRY GOULBURN,
(L.S.) WILLIAM ADAMS.

(L.S.) JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,
(L.S.) J. A. BAYARD,
(L.S.) H. CLAY,
(L.S.) JONA. RUSSELL,
(L.S.) ALBERT GALLATIN.

¹Declaration of the Commissioners under the IVth Article of the Treaty of Ghent

NEW YORK, 24th November, 1817.

SIR,—The Undersigned Commissioners, appointed by virtue of the IVth Article of the Treaty of Ghent, have attended to the duties assigned them, and have decided that Moose Island, Dudley Island, and Frederick Island, in the Bay of Passamaquoddy, which is part of the Bay of Fundy, do each of them belong to the United States of America, and that all the other islands in the Bay of Passamaquoddy, and the Island of Grand Menan in the Bay of Fundy, do each of them belong to His Britannic Majesty, in conformity with the true intent of the IIInd Article of the Treaty of Peace of 1783.

The Commissioners have the honour to enclose herewith their decision.

In making this decision, it became necessary that each of the Commissioners should yield a part of his individual opinion; several reasons induced them to adopt this measure, one of which was the impression and belief that the navigable waters of the Bay of Passamaquoddy, which, by the Treaty of Ghent, is said to be part of the Bay of Fundy, are common to both parties for the purpose of all lawful and direct communication with their own Territories and Foreign Ports.

The Undersigned have the honour to be, etc.,

THOMAS BARCLAY.
JOHN HOLMES.

The Hon. J. Q. ADAMS.

¹ From British & Foreign State Papers, Vol. 5, p. 199.