

PROTOCOL OF DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE, FRANCE, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RELATING TO THEIR INSULAR POSSESSIONS AND INSULAR DOMINIONS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN, CONCLUDED AT WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 13, 1921.

In conformity with Article 4 of the treaty between the United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan, relating to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the region of the Pacific Ocean, concluded at Washington on 13th December, 1921, the undersigned representatives of the United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan, this day met at the Department of State at Washington, to proceed with the deposit with the Government of the United States of America of the instruments of ratification of the said treaty by the Governments they represent.

The representative of the United States of America declared that the instrument of ratification of the United States is deposited with the reservation and understanding, recited in the ratification, that—

“The United States understands that under the statement in the preamble or under the terms of this treaty there is no commitment to armed force, no alliance, no obligation to join in any defence.”

The instruments of ratification produced, having been found upon examination to be in due form, are entrusted to the Government of the United States of America to be deposited in the archives of the Department of State.

In witness whereof, the present *procès-verbal*, of which a certified copy will be sent by the Government of the United States of America to each one of the Powers signatory to the said treaty, is signed:

Done at Washington, the 17th August, 1923, at 12 o'clock.

For the United States:

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES. (L.S.)

For the British Empire:

H. G. CHILTON. (L.S.)

For France:

ANDRÉ de LABOULAYE. (L.S.)

For Japan:

M. HANIHARA. (L.S.)

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<sup>1</sup>TREATY BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE, FRANCE, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE QUADRUPLE PACIFIC TREATY OF THE 13TH DECEMBER, 1921, SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 6, 1922.

THE United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan have, through their respective Plenipotentiaries, agreed upon the following stipulations supplementary to the Quadruple Treaty signed at Washington on the 13th December, 1921:

The term “insular possessions and insular dominions” used in the aforesaid Treaty shall, in its application to Japan, include only Karafuto (or the southern portion of the island of Sakhalin), Formosa and the Pescadores, and the islands under the mandate of Japan.

<sup>1</sup> From Treaty Series No. 6, 1924.