

CONVENTION
BETWEEN
HER MAJESTY
AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
FOR THE
SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS BY A MIXED
COMMISSION.

Signed at London, February 8, 1853.

[*Ratifications exchanged at London, July 26, 1853.*]

WHEREAS claims have at various times since the signature of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Great Britain and the United States of America, concluded at Ghent on the 24th of December, 1814, been made upon the Government of Her Britannic Majesty on the part of Corporations, Companies, and private individuals, citizens of the United States, and upon the Government of the United States on the part of Corporations, Companies, and private individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty; and whereas some of such claims are still pending, and remain unsettled; Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the President of the United States of America, being of opinion that a speedy and equitable settlement of all such claims will contribute much to the maintenance of the friendly feelings which subsist between the two countries, have resolved to make arrangements for that purpose by means of a Convention, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, to confer and agree thereupon, that is to say:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable John Russell (commonly called Lord John Russell), a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, and Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

And the President of the United States of America, Joseph Reed Ingersoll, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Her Britannic Majesty;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.

The High Contracting Parties agree that all claims on the part of Corporations, Companies, or private individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, upon the Government of the United States, and all claims on the