

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

Done in duplicate at Washington, the 9th day of August, 1842.

(L.S.) ASHBURTON. (L.S.) DANL. WEBSTER.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

*Lord Ashburton to Mr. Webster.*

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1842.

Sir,—By the IIIrd (?10th) Article of the Convention which I have this day signed with you, there is an agreement for the reciprocal delivery, in certain cases, of criminals fugitive from justice, but it becomes necessary that I should apprise you that this Article can have no legal effect within the Dominions of Great Britain until confirmed by Act of Parliament. It is possible that Parliament may not be in session before the exchange of the ratifications of the Convention, but its sanction shall be asked at the earliest possible period, and no doubt can be entertained that it will be given. In Her Majesty's territories in Canada, where cases for acting under this Convention are likely to be of more frequent occurrence, the Governor General has sufficient power under the authority of local legislation, and the Convention will there be acted upon so soon as its ratification shall be known; but it becomes my duty to inform you of the short delay which may possibly intervene in giving full effect to it, where the confirmation by Parliament becomes necessary for its execution.

I beg, etc.,

ASHBURTON.

The HON. DANIEL WEBSTER.