

VII. It is further agreed that the said two last-mentioned Commissioners, after they shall have executed the duties assigned to them in the preceding Article, shall be, and they are hereby authorized, upon their Oaths, impartially to fix and determine, according to the true intent of the said Treaty of Peace of 1783, that part of the Boundary between the Dominions of the two Powers, which extends from the Water-communication between Lake Huron and Lake Superior, to the most North-western point of the Lake of the Woods, to decide to which of the two Parties the several Islands lying in the Lakes, Water-communications and Rivers forming the said Boundary, do respectively belong, in conformity with the true intent of the said Treaty of Peace of 1783; and to cause such parts of the said Boundary, as require it, to be surveyed and marked.

The said Commissioners shall, by a Report or Declaration, under their Hands and Seals, designate the Boundary aforesaid, state their decision on the points thus referred to them, and particularize the Latitude and Longitude of the most North-western point of the Lake of the Woods, and of such other parts of the said Boundary as they may deem proper. And both Parties agree to consider such designation and decision as final and conclusive. And in the event of the said two Commissioners differing, or both, or either of them refusing, declining, or wilfully omitting to act, such Reports, Declarations, or Statements shall be made by them, or either of them, and such reference to a Friendly Sovereign or State, shall be made in all respects as in the latter part of the IVth Article is contained, and in as full a manner as if the same was herein repeated.

VIII. The several Boards of two Commissioners, mentioned in the four preceding Articles, shall respectively have power to appoint a Secretary, and to employ such Surveyors, or other Persons, as they shall judge necessary. Duplicates of all their respective Reports, Declarations, Statements, and Decisions, and of their Accounts, and of the Journal of their Proceedings, shall be delivered by them to the Agents of His Britannic Majesty, and to the Agents of The United States, who may be respectively appointed and authorized to manage the business on behalf of their respective Governments.

The said Commissioners shall be respectively paid in such manner as shall be agreed between the two Contracting Parties, such agreement being to be settled at the time of the exchange of the Ratifications of this Treaty. And all other expenses attending the said Commissioners, shall be defrayed equally by the two Parties. And in the case of death, sickness, resignation, or necessary absence, the place of every such Commissioner respectively, shall be supplied in the same manner as such Commissioner was first appointed, and the new Commissioner shall take the same Oath or Affirmation, and do the same duties.

It is further agreed, between the two Contracting Parties, that in case any of the Islands, mentioned in any of the preceding Articles, which were in the possession of one of the Parties, prior to the commencement of the present War between the two countries, should, by the decision of any of the Boards of Commissioners aforesaid, or of the Sovereign or State so referred to, as in the four next preceding Articles contained, fall within the Dominions of the other Party, all grants of land made previous to the commencement of the War, by the Party having had such possession, shall be as valid as if such Island or Islands had by such decision or decisions, been adjudged to be within the Dominions of the Party having had such possession.

IX. The United States of America engage to put an end, immediately after the Ratification of the present Treaty, to hostilities with all the Tribes or Nations of Indians, with whom they may be at War at the time of such Ratification; and forthwith to restore to such Tribes or Nations respectively,