

## ARTICLE V.

Whereas it was agreed by the first Article of the Treaty of Ghent, that "All territory, places and possessions whatsoever, taken by either party from the other during the war, or which may be taken after the signing of this Treaty, excepting only the islands hereinafter mentioned, shall be restored without delay, and without causing any destruction, or carrying away any of the artillery or other public property originally captured in the said forts or places, which shall remain therein upon the exchange of the Ratifications of this Treaty, or any Slaves or other private property;"—and whereas, under the aforesaid Article, the United States claim for their Citizens, and as their private property, the restitution of, or full compensation for, all Slaves who, at the date of the exchange of the Ratifications of the said Treaty, were, in any territory, places, or possessions whatsoever, directed by the said Treaty to be restored to the United States, but then still occupied by the British forces, whether such Slaves were, at the date aforesaid, on shore, or on board any British vessel, lying in waters within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States; and whereas differences have arisen, whether, by the true intent and meaning of the aforesaid Article of the Treaty of Ghent, the United States are entitled to the restitution of, or full compensation for all or any Slaves, as above described, the High Contracting Parties hereby agree to refer the said differences to some friendly Sovereign or State, to be named for that purpose; and the High Contracting Parties further engage to consider the decision of such friendly Sovereign or State to be final and conclusive on all the matters referred.

## ARTICLE VI.

This Convention, when the same shall have been duly ratified by His Britannic Majesty and the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of their Senate, and the respective Ratifications mutually exchanged, shall be binding and obligatory on His Majesty and on the said United States; and the Ratifications shall be exchanged in six months from this date, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have thereunto affixed the seal of their arms.

Done at London, this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

(L.S.) FREDERICK JOHN ROBINSON.  
 (L.S.) HENRY GOULBURN.  
 (L.S.) ALBERT GALLATIN.  
 (L.S.) RICHARD RUSH.