

may either be punished according to law, if the laws will reach the case, or be sent back, the offended Government assigning to the other the reasons for the same.

It is hereby declared, that either of the Contracting Parties may except from the residence of Consuls such particular places as such Party shall judge fit to be so excepted.

V. This Convention, when the same shall have been duly ratified by His Britannic Majesty and by 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 for four years from the date of its signature\*; and the ratifications shall be exchanged in six months from this time, or sooner if possible.

Done at London, this 3rd of July, 1815.

FRED. J. ROBINSON, (L.S.)

JOHN Q. ADAMS, (L.S.)

HENRY GOULBURN, (L.S.)

H. CLAY, (L.S.)

WILLIAM ADAMS, (L.S.)

ALBERT GALLATIN, (L.S.)

1817

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S MINISTER AT WASHINGTON AND THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE CONCERNING THE NAVAL FORCE TO BE MAINTAINED ON THE GREAT LAKES, WASHINGTON, 28-29 APRIL, 1817.

*From His Majesty's Minister at Washington to the United States Secretary of State*

WASHINGTON, April 28, 1817.

The Undersigned, His Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, has the honour to acquaint Mr. Rush that having laid before His Majesty's Government the correspondence which passed last year between the Secretary of the Department of State and the Undersigned upon the subject of a proposal to reduce the Naval Force of the respective countries upon the American lakes he has received the commands of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent to acquaint the Government of the United States, that His Royal Highness is willing to accede to the proposition made to the Undersigned by the Secretary of the Department of State in his note of the 2nd of August last.

His Royal Highness, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, agrees, that the Naval Force to be maintained upon the American lakes by His Majesty and the Government of the United States shall henceforth be confined to the following vessels on each side—that is:

On Lake Ontario to one vessel not exceeding one hundred tons burthen and armed with one eighteen-pound cannon.

On the Upper Lakes to two vessels not exceeding like burthen each and armed with like force.

On the waters of Lake Champlain to one vessel not exceeding like burthen and armed with like force.

And His Royal Highness agrees, that all other armed vessels, on these lakes shall be forthwith dismantled, and that no other vessels of war shall be there built or armed.

\* The provisions of this Convention were extended for 10 years by the Treaty of 20th October, 1818, and further indefinitely extended subject to abrogation on 12 months' notice by the Convention of the 6th August, 1827.