

are hereby extended and continued in force for the term of 10 years, from the date of the signature of the present Convention, in the same manner as if all the provisions of the said Convention were herein specially recited.

V. Whereas it was agreed by the 1st 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 States to be final and conclusive on all the matters referred.

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 6 months from this date, or sooner if possible.