

## EXPLANATORY ARTICLE.

**W**HEREAS, by the third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, concluded at LONDON on the nineteenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, between His Britannick Majesty and the United States of America, it was agreed that it should at all times be free to His Majesty's Subjects and to the Citizens of the United States, and also to the Indians, dwelling on either side of the boundary line assigned by the Treaty of Peace to the United States, freely to pass by land or inland Navigation into the respective territories and Countries of the two contracting Parties, on the Continent of America (the Country within the limits of the Hudson's Bay company only excepted) and to navigate all the Lakes, Rivers and Waters thereof, and freely to carry on Trade and Commerce with each other, subject to the provisions and limitations contained in the said Article: And whereas by the eighth Article of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, concluded at Greenville, on the third day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, between the United States and the Nations or Tribes of Indians called the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanees, Ottawas, Chipewas, Putawatimies, Miamis, Eel River, Weecas, Kickapoos, Piankashaws, Kaskaskias, it was stipulated that no person should be permitted to reside at any of the Towns or hunting Camps of the said Indian Tribes as a Trader, who is not furnished with a Licence for that purpose under the authority of the United States: which latter Stipulation has excited doubts, whether in its operation it may not interfere with the due execution of the said third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation, and it being the sincere desire of His Britannick Majesty and of the United States that this point should be so explained as to remove all doubts, and promote mutual satisfaction and Friendship: and for this purpose, His Britannick Majesty having named for his Commissioner PHINEAS BOND, Esquire, his Majesty's Consul General for the Middle and Southern States of America, (and now His Majesty's *Chargé d'Affaires* to the United States) and the President of the United States, having named for their Commissioner, TIMOTHY PICKERING, Esq; Secretary of State of the United States, to whom, agreeably to the Laws of the United States, he has entrusted this Negotiation; they, the said Commissioners, having communicated to each other their full powers, have in virtue of the same, and conformably to the Spirit of the last Article of the said Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation entered into this Explanatory Article, and do by these presents explicitly agree and declare that no Stipulations in any Treaty, subsequently concluded by either of the contracting Parties, with any other State or Nation, or with any Indian Tribe, can be understood to derogate in any manner from the rights of free intercourse and Commerce secured by the aforesaid third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation to the Subjects of His Majesty and to the Citizens of the United States and to the Indians dwelling on either side of the boundary line aforesaid: but that all the said Persons shall remain at full liberty freely to pass and repass by land or inland Navigation, into the respective Territories and Countries of the contracting Parties, on either side of the said boundary line, and freely to carry on Trade and Commerce with each other, according to the Stipulations of the said third Article of the Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation.