

merely be carried over any of the Portages or Carrying-Places on either Side, for the Purpose of being immediately re-embarked and carried to some other Place or Places. But as by this Stipulation it is only meant to secure to each Party a free Passage across the Portages on both Sides, it is agreed, that this Exemption from Duty shall extend only to such Goods as are carried in the usual and direct Road across the Portage, and are not attempted to be in any Manner sold or exchanged during their Passage across the same; and proper Regulations may be established to prevent the Possibility of any Frauds in this Respect.

As this Article is intended to render, in a great Degree, the local Advantages of each Party common to both, and thereby to promote a Disposition favourable to Friendship and good Neighbourhood, it is agreed, that the respective Governments will mutually promote this amicable Intercourse, by causing speedy and impartial Justice to be done, and necessary Protection to be extended to all who may be concerned therein.

ART. IV. Whereas it is uncertain whether the River *Mississippi* extends so far to the Northward as to be intersected by a Line to be drawn due West from the *Lake of the Woods*, in the Manner mentioned in the Treaty of Peace between His Majesty and the *United States*; it is agreed, that Measures shall be taken, in Concert with His Majesty's Government in *America*, and the Government of the *United States*, for making a joint Survey of the said River from One Degree of Latitude below the Falls of *St. Anthony*, to the principal Source or Sources of the said River, and also of the Part adjacent thereto; and that if, on the Result of such Survey, it should appear that the said River would not be intersected by such a Line as is above-mentioned, the Two Parties will thereupon proceed, by amicable Negotiation, to regulate the Boundary Line in that Quarter, as well as all other Points, to be adjusted between the said Parties, according to Justice and mutual Convenience, and in conformity to the Intent of the said Treaty.

ART. V. Whereas Doubts have arisen what River was truly intended under the Name of the River *Ste. Croix*, mentioned in the said Treaty of Peace, and forming a Part of the Boundary therein described, that Question shall be referred to the final Decision of Commissioners, to be appointed in the following Manner, viz.

One Commissioner shall be named by His Majesty, and One by the President of the *United States*, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate thereof, and the said Two Commissioners shall agree on the Choice of a Third: or, if they cannot so agree, they shall each propose One Person; and of the Two Names so proposed, One shall be drawn by Lot in the Presence of the Two original Commissioners: And the Three Commissioners so appointed shall be sworn impartially to examine and decide the said Question according to such Evidence as shall respectively be laid before them on the Part of the *British* Government and of the *United States*. The said Commissioners shall meet at *Halifax*, and shall have Power to adjourn to such other Place or Places as they shall think fit. They shall have Power to appoint a Secretary, and to employ such Surveyors or other Persons as they shall judge necessary. The said Commissioners shall, by a Declaration under their Hands and Seals, decide what River is the River *Ste. Croix* intended by the Treaty. The said Declaration shall contain a Description of the said River, and shall particularize the Latitude and Longitude of it's Mouth and of it's Source. Duplicates of this Declaration, and of the Statements of their Accounts, and of the Journal of their Proceedings, shall be delivered by them to the Agent of His Majesty and to the Agent of the *United States*, who may be respectively appointed and authorized to manage the Business on Behalf of the respective Governments: And both Parties agree to consider such Decision as final and conclusive, so as that the same shall never thereafter be called into Question, or made the Subject of Dispute or Difference between them.

ART. VI. Whereas it is alledged, by divers *British* Merchants, and others His Majesty's Subjects, that Debts to a considerable Amount, which were *bonâ fide* contracted before the Peace,

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