

ernment to restrict the naval force thus limited to such services as will in no respect interfere with the proper duties of the armed vessels of the other party.

The Undersigned eagerly avails himself of this opportunity to tender to Mr. Bagot the assurances of his distinguished consideration and respect.

RICHARD RUSH.

PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, PUBLISHING THE ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED WITH GREAT BRITAIN, IN APRIL, 1817, RELATIVE TO THE NAVAL FORCE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE TWO POWERS UPON THE AMERICAN LAKES.—WASHINGTON, 28TH APRIL, 1818.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS an Arrangement was entered into at the City of Washington, in the month of April, in the year of Our Lord, 1817, between Richard Rush, Esq., at that time acting as Secretary for the Department of State of The United States, for and in behalf of the Government of the United States, and the Right Honourable Charles Bagot, His Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, for and in behalf of His Britannic Majesty which Arrangement is in the words following, to wit:

'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 burden, and armed with one eighteen-pound cannon.

'On the Upper Lakes, to two Vessels, not exceeding like burden each, and armed with like force.

'On the waters of Lake Champlain, to one Vessel not exceeding like burden, and armed with like force.

'All other armed Vessels on these Lakes shall be forthwith dismantled, and no other Vessels of war shall be there built or armed.

- ¹ From British & Foreign State Papers, Vol. 5, p. 1200