

fary respecting the Delivery of the said Posts: The United States, in the mean Time, at their Discretion, extending their Settlements to any Part within the said Boundary Line, except within the Precincts or Jurisdiction of any of the said Posts. All Settlers and Traders within the Precincts or Jurisdiction of the said Posts shall continue to enjoy, unmolested, all their Property of every Kind, and shall be protected therein: They shall be at full Liberty to remain there, or to remove with all or any Part of their Effects; and it shall also be free to them to sell their Lands, Houses or Effects, or to retain the Property thereof, at their Discretion. Such of them as shall continue to reside within the said Boundary Lines shall not be compelled to become Citizens of the *United States*, or to take any Oath of Allegiance to the Government thereof; but they shall be at full Liberty so to do, if they think proper; and they shall make and declare their Election within One Year after the Evacuation aforesaid. And all Persons who shall continue there, after the Expiration of the said Year, without having declared their Intention of remaining Subjects of His *Britannick* Majesty, shall be considered as having elected to become Citizens of the *United States*.

ART. III. It is agreed, that it shall 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 said Boundary Line, freely to pass and repass, by Land or Inland Navigation, into the respective Territories and Countries of the Two 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. But it is understood, that this Article does not extend to the Admission of Vessels of the *United States* into the Sea-Ports, Harbours, Bays or Creeks of His Majesty's said Territories; nor into such Parts of the Rivers in His Majesty's said Territories as are between the Mouth thereof and the highest Port of Entry from the Sea, except in small Vessels trading *bonâ fide* between *Montreal* and *Quebec*, under such Regulations as shall be established to prevent the Possibility of any Frauds in this Respect; nor to the Admission of *British* Vessels from the Sea into the Rivers of the *United States*, beyond the highest Ports of Entry for Vessels from the Sea. The River *Mississippi* shall, however, according to the Treaty of Peace, be entirely open to both Parties; and it is farther agreed, that all the Ports and Places on its Eastern Side, to which soever of the Parties Belonging, may freely be resorted to, and used by both Parties, in as ample a Manner as any of the *Atlantic* Ports or Places of the *United States*, or any of the Ports or Places of His Majesty in *Great Britain*.

All Goods and Merchandize, whose Importation into His Majesty's said Territories in *America* shall not be entirely prohibited, may freely, for the Purposes of Commerce, be carried into the same, in the Manner aforesaid, by the Citizens of the *United States*; and such Goods and Merchandize shall be subject to no higher or other Duties than would be payable by His Majesty's Subjects on the Importation of the same from *Europe* into the said Territories. And, in like Manner, all Goods and Merchandize, whose Importation into the *United States* shall not be wholly prohibited, may freely, for the Purpose of Commerce, be carried into the same, in the Manner aforesaid, by His Majesty's Subjects; and such Goods and Merchandize shall be subject to no higher or other Duties than would be payable by the Citizens of the *United States* on the Importation of the same, in *American* Vessels, into the *Atlantic* Ports of the said States. And all Goods not prohibited to be exported from the said Territories respectively, may, in like Manner, be carried out of the same by the Two Parties respectively, paying Duty as aforesaid.

No Duty of Entry shall ever be levied, by either Party, on Peltries brought by Land or Inland Navigation into the said Territories respectively; nor shall the *Indians*, passing or repassing with their own proper Goods and Effects, of whatever Nature, pay for the same any Impost or Duty whatever; but Goods in Bales, or other large Packages unusual among *Indians*, shall not be considered as Goods belonging *bonâ fide* to *Indians*.

No higher or other Tolls or Rates of Ferriage than what are or shall be payable by Natives, shall be demanded on either Side; and no Duties shall be payable on any Goods which shall

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