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reciprocally communicated their respective Full Powers, have agreed upon and confirmed the following Articles :

Art. I. His Britannic Majesty acknowledges the said United States, viz., New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, to be Free, Sovereign and Independent States; that he treats with them as such; and for himself, his Heirs and Successors, relinquishes all claims to the government, propriety and territorial rights of the same, and every part thereof.

II. And that all disputes which might arise in future on the subject of the Boundaries of the said United States may be prevented, it is hereby agreed and declared, that the following are and shall be their Boundaries, viz., from the North-west Angle of Nova Scotia, viz., that Angle which is formed by a line drawn due North, from the source of St. Croix River to the Highlands, along the said Highlands which divide those Rivers that empty themselves into the River St. Lawrence from those which fall into the Atlantic Ocean, to the North-westernmost head of Connecticut River ; thence down along the middle of that River to the 45th degree of North latitude ; from whence by a line due West on said latitude until it strikes the River Iroquois or Cataraquy;<sup>1</sup> thence along the middle of the said River into Lake Ontario ; through the middle of said Lake until it strikes the communication by water between that Lake and Lake Erie ; thence along the middle of said communication into Lake Erie ; through the middle of said Lake until it arrives at the water-communication between that Lake and Lake Huron ; thence along the middle of said water-communication into the Lake Huron; thence through the middle of said Lake to the water-communication between that Lake and Lake Superior; thence through Lake Superior, Northward of the Isles Royal and Phelipeaux, to the Long Lake<sup>2</sup>; thence through the middle of said Long Lake, and the water-communication between it and the Lake of the Woods, to the said Lake of the Woods ; thence through the said Lake to the most North-western point thereof, and from thence on a due West course to the River Mississippi ; thence by a line to be drawn along the middle of the said River Mississippi, until it shall intersect the Northernmost part of the 31st degree of North latitude : South by a line to be drawn due East from the determination of the line last mentioned, in the latitude of 31 degrees North of the Equator, to the middle of the River Apalachicola or Catahouche ; thence along the middle thereof to its junction with the Flint River ; thence straight to the head of St. Mary's River, and thence down along the middle of St. Mary's River to the Atlantic Ocean : East by a line to be drawn along the middle of the River St. Croix, from its mouth in the Bay of Fundy to its source ; and from its source directly North to the aforesaid Highlands, which divide the Rivers that fall into the Atlantic Ocean from those which fall into the

<sup>1</sup> The early names of the St. Lawrence from Lake Ontario to its junction with the Ottawa.

<sup>2</sup> Rainy Lake.