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Mightinesses the States General of the United Netherlands; Benjamin Franklin, Esquire late Delegate in Congress from the State of Pennsylvania, President of the Convention of the said State and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States of America at the Court of Versailles; John Jay Esq<sup>r</sup> late President of Congress, and Chief Justice of the State of New York, and Minister Plenipotentiary from the said United States at the Court of Madrid; to be the Plenipotentiaries for the concluding and signing the present Definitive Treaty; who after having reciprocally communicated their respective full Powers, have agreed upon and confirmed the following Articles:

“Article 1st. 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

“Article 2d. 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 Saint Croix river to the Highlands; along the said Highlands which divide those rivers that empty themselves into the river Saint Lawrence from those which fall into the Atlantic Ocean, to the North western most head of Connecticut river, thence down along the middle of that river to the forty fifth degree of North Latitude; from thence by a Line due west on said Latitude, until it strikes the river Iroquois or Cataraguy; thence along the middle of 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 Northward of the Isles Royal and Philipeaux to the Long Lake, 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 thirty first Degree of North Latitude.