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of America, in order to carry into full effect the Provisional articles abovesaid, and accordingly
The Deers thereof have constituted and appointed, that is to say, his Britannic Majesty
on his part, David Hartley, Esq. member of the Parliament of Great Britain; and the United
States on their part John Adams, Esq. late Commissioner of the United States of America at
the Court of Versailles, late Delegate in Congress from the State of Massachusetts, and Chief
Justice of the said State, and Minister Plenipotentiary of the said United States to their High
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.
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 conclud-
ing and signing the present Definitive Treaty; who after having reciprocally communicated their
respective full Powers, have agreed upon and confirmed the following Article:

"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, Property and Territorial Rights
of the same, and every part thereof.

"Article 2^d. 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 Lawrence
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
westernmost 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 Isle Royal and Philippeaux 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. South by a Line to be drawn due East from the Determination of
the Line last mentioned in the Latitude of thirty one Degrees north of the Equator