

# Texas

## CLAIMS: THE CASE OF THE BRIGS "POCKET" AND "DURANGO"

*Convention signed at Houston April 11, 1838*

*Ratified by Texas May 3, 1838*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification June 13, 1838*

*Ratified by the President of the United States June 21, 1838*

*Ratifications exchanged at Washington July 6, 1838*

*Entered into force July 6, 1838*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States July 6, 1838*

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*<sup>1</sup>

8 Stat. 510; Treaty Series 510<sup>2</sup>

CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS, TO TERMINATE THE RECLAMATIONS OF THE FORMER GOVERNMENT FOR THE CAPTURE, SEIZURE AND DETENTION OF THE BRIGS POCKET AND DURANGO, AND FOR INJURIES SUFFERED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS ON BOARD THE POCKET

Alcée La Branche, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, near the Republic of Texas, acting on behalf of the said United States of America, and R. A. Irion, Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas, acting on behalf of the said Republic, have agreed to the following articles.

ART. 1. The Government of the Republic of Texas, with a view to satisfy the aforesaid reclamations for the capture, seizure and confiscation of the two vessels aforementioned, as well as for indemnity to American citizens who have suffered injuries from the said Government of Texas, or its officers,

<sup>1</sup> On Dec. 12, 1838, the United States was informed that the convention had been published at Houston; the amount due, with interest, in all \$12,455, was duly paid.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed study of this convention, see 4 Miller 125.

obliges itself to pay the sum of eleven thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars, (\$11750.), to the Government of the United States of America, to be distributed amongst the claimants, by the said Government of the United States of America.

ART 2. The sum of eleven thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars, (\$11750.), agreed on in the 1st. Art., shall be paid in gold or silver, with interest at six per cent., one year after the exchange of the ratifications of this convention. The said payment shall be made, at the seat of Government of the Republic of Texas, into the hands of such person or persons as shall be duly authorized by the Government of the United States of America to receive the same.

ART. 3. The present convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications thereof shall be exchanged in the city of Washington, in the space of three months from this date, or sooner if possible.

In faith whereof the parties above-named have respectively subscribed these articles, and thereto affixed their seals.

Done at the city of Houston, on the eleventh day of the month of April, one thousand, eight hundred and thirty eight.

ALCÉE LA BRANCHE [SEAL]  
R. A. IRION [SEAL]