RECOVERY OF DESERTERS FROM MERCHANT VESSELS

Treaty signed at Washington June 3, 1892
Senate advice and consent to ratification June 30, 1892
Ratified by the United Kingdom July 9, 1892
Ratified by the President of the United States July 14, 1892
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Treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the recovery of persons who may desert from the merchant vessels of either country while in the ports of the other.

Whereas the Governments of the United States of America and of Great Britain are desirous to make provision for the apprehension, recovery and restoration of persons who may desert from merchant vessels of their respective countries while in the ports of the other country, and to conclude a treaty for the above purpose, the High Contracting Parties have accordingly appointed as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude the said treaty, that is to say:

The President of the United States of America, James G. Blaine, Secretary of State of the United States; and

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Sir Julian Pauncefote, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in due and good form, have agreed upon the following articles.

ARTICLE I

The Consuls General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls and Consular Agents of either of the High Contracting Parties, residing in the dominions, possessions or colonies of the other, shall have power to require from the proper

1 Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States in accordance with Seamen's Act of Mar. 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1164).
authorities the assistance provided by law for the apprehension, recovery and 
restoration of seamen who may desert from any ship belonging to a citizen 
or subject of their respective countries, while in the ports of the other country. 
If, however, any such deserter shall have committed any crime or offence in 
the country where he is found, his surrender or restoration may be delayed 
until the proper tribunal before which the case shall be pending or may be 
cognizable, shall have pronounced its sentence and the sentence shall have 
been carried into effect.

It is understood that the preceding stipulations shall not apply to the citizens 
or subjects of the country where the desertion shall take place.

**Article II**

The present Treaty shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged 
at Washington or at London without delay.

**Article III**

The present Treaty shall come into operation at the expiration of thirty 
days from the date of the exchange of ratifications. It shall remain in force for 
five years after that date and thereafter until terminated by a twelve months' 
notice to be given by either High Contracting Party to the other.

In faith whereof, we, the respective Plenipotentiaries, have signed this 
Treaty and have hereunto affixed our Seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, this third day of June, one thousand 
eight hundred and ninety-two.

James G. Blaine  [seal]
Julian Pauncefote  [seal]