

# *The Two Sicilies*

## CLAIMS

*Convention signed at Naples October 14, 1832*

*Senate advice and consent to ratification January 19, 1833*

*Ratified by the President of the United States January 19, 1833*

*Ratified by the Two Sicilies June 2, 1833*

*Ratifications exchanged at Naples June 8, 1833*

*Entered into force June 8, 1833*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States August 27, 1833*

*Terminated in 1843 on fulfillment of its terms*<sup>1</sup>

8 Stat. 442; Treaty Series 362<sup>2</sup>

### CONVENTION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE KINGDOM OF THE TWO SICILIES TO TERMINATE THE RECLAMATIONS OF SAID GOVERNMENT, FOR THE DEPREDATIONS INFLICTED UPON AMERICAN COMMERCE, BY MURAT DURING THE YEARS 1809, 1810, 1811, AND 1812

The Government of the United States of America and His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, desiring to terminate the reclamations advanced by said Government against His said Majesty, in order that the Merchants of the United States may be indemnified for the losses inflicted upon them by Murat, by the depredations, seizures, confiscations and destruction of thir Vessels and cargoes, during the years 1809, 1810, 1811, and 1812, and His Sicilian Majesty desiring thereby to strengthen with the said Government the bonds of that harmony, not hitherto disturbed; the said Government of the United States and His aforesaid Majesty, the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies have with one accord, resolved to come to an

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<sup>1</sup> Awards totaling \$1,925,034.68 (including 20 percent for interest) were paid in nine installments on June 8 of each year from 1834 to 1842.

<sup>2</sup> For a detailed study of this convention, see 3 Miller 711.

adjustment; to effectuate which they have respectively named and furnished with the necessary powers, viz, The said Government of the United States, John Nelson Esquire, a citizen of said states, and their Chargé d'Affaires near His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies; and His Majesty His Excellency D. Antonio Maria Statella, Prince of Cassaro, Marquis of Spaccaforno, Count Statella etc, etc, etc, His said Majesty's Minister Secretary of State for foreign affairs etc, etc, who after the exchange of their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed to the following articles

#### ARTICLE 1<sup>st</sup>

His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, with a view to satisfy the aforesaid reclamations, for the depredations, sequestrations, confiscations and destruction of the vessels and cargoes of the Merchants of the United States (and for every expense of every Kind whatsoever incident to, or growing out of the same) inflicted by Murat during the years 1809, 1810, 1811, and 1812, obliges himself to pay the sum of Two Millions, one Hundred and fifteen Thousand Neapolitan Ducats to the Government of the United States; seven Thousand six Hundred and seventy nine ducats part thereof, to be applied to reimburse the said Government for the expense incurred by it, in the transportation of American seamen from the Kingdom of Naples during the year 1810, and the residue to be distributed amongst the claimants by the said Government of the United States in such manner, and according to such rules, as it may prescribe.

#### ARTICLE 2<sup>d</sup>

The sum of two Millions one Hundred and fifteen Thousand Neapolitan Ducats agreed on in article the 1<sup>st</sup> shall be paid in Naples, in nine equal installments of Two Hundred and Thirty five Thousand Ducats and with interest thereon at the rate of four per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of the interchange of the ratifications of this Convention, until the whole sum shall be paid. The first installment shall be payable twelve months after the exchange of the said ratifications, and the remaining installments, with the interest, successively, one year after another. The said payments shall be made in Naples into the hands of such person as shall be duly authorised by the Government of the United States to receive the same.

#### ARTICLE 3<sup>d</sup>

The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications thereof shall be exchanged in this Capital in the space of eight 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 Naples on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October one Thousand eight Hundred and thirty two.

JNO. NELSON [SEAL]

THE PRINCE OF CASSARO [SEAL]