Have full power to levy war conclude peace contract alliances establish commerce and to do all other act and things which Independent States may of right do and for the support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence we mutually pledge to each other our lives and fortunes and our sacred Honor. That a war was carried on between the United States and the King of great Britain from the fourth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six untill the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three on which last day and year peace was concluded between the said States and the said King of great Britain that the definitive articles of Treaty and peace between the King of Great Britain and the United States were made on on the said third day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty three which follows in these word to Wit —

In the name of the most Holy & undivided Trinity It having pleased the divine Providence to dispose the hearts of the most serene and most potent Prince George the third by the grace of god King of great Britain France and Ireland defender of the faith Duke of Brunswick and Lunenburgh Arch treasurer and prince Elector of the Holy Romain Empire &c. and of the United States of america to forget all past misunderstandings and differences that have unhappily interrupted the good correspondence and friendship which they mutually wish to restore & to establish such a beneficial and satisfactory intercourse between the two Countries upon the ground of reciprocal advantages and mutual convenience as may promote and secure to both perpetual peace and harmony and having for this desirable end already laid the foundation of peace & reconciliation by the provisional Articles signed at paris on the thirtieth of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty two by the commissioners empowered on each part which Article were agreed to be inserted in and to constitute the treaty of peace proposed to be concluded between the Crown of great Britain and the United States but which treaty was not to be concluded untill terms of peace should be agreed upon between Great Britain and France and his Britanic Majesty should be ready to conclude such Treaty accordingly And the Treaty between Great Britain and France having since been concluded his Britanic Majesty and the United States of America in order to carry into full effect the provisional articles above mentioned according to the tenor thereof have constituted and appointed that is to say his Britanic Majesty on his part David Hartley esquire

Member of Parliament of Great Britain and the United States on their part John Adams Esquire late a commissioner of the United States of America at the court of Versailles late deligate in congress from the State of Massachusetts and Chief Justice of the said State & Minister Plenipotentiary of the said United States to their High Mightinesses the States general of the United Netherlands Benjamin Franklin Esq late deligate in congress from the State of Pensylvania 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 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 Connecticutt New York New Jersy Pensylvania Delaware Maryland Virginia North Carolina South Carolina and Georgia to be free Sovereign and Independant States that he treats with them as such and for himself his Heirs and successors relinquishes all claim to the government propriety and Territorial rights of the same and every part thereof.

Article 2nd And that all disputes that 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 which devide those Rivers that empty themselves into the River saint Lawrence from those which fall into the atlantic Ocean to the Northwestermost head of connecticutt 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 untill it strikes the River Iroquois Cataraquy thence along the middle of said River into Lake Ontario through the middle of said lake untill 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 untill 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 thence through 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