

ratifications thereof shall be exchanged in the space of two months, or sooner, if possible.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereunto the seals of their arms.

Done at Paris this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

(Signed)  
(L. S.) CASTLEREAGH.  
(L. S.) WELLINGTON.

(Signed)  
(L. S.) RICHELIEU.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE.

The High Contracting Powers, sincerely desiring to give effect to the measures on which they deliberated at the Congress of Vienna, relative to the complete and universal abolition of the Slave Trade, and having, each in their respective dominion, prohibited without restriction their colonies and subjects from taking any part whatever in this traffic, engage to renew conjointly their efforts, with the view of securing final success to those principles which they proclaimed in the Declaration of the fourth of February one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and of concerting, without loss of time; through their Ministers at the Courts of London and of Paris, the most effectual measures for the entire and definitive abolition of a commerce so odious, and so strongly condemned by the laws of religion and of nature.

The present Additional Article shall have the same force and effect as if it were inserted, word for word, in the Treaty signed this day. It shall be included in the ratification of the said Treaty.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereunto the seals of their arms.

Done at Paris this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

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(L. S.) CASTLEREAGH.  
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(L. S.) RICHELIEU.

CONVENTION

Concluded in conformity to the fourth Article of the Principal Treaty relative to the payment of the Pecuniary Indemnity to be furnished by France to the Allied Powers.

THE payment to which France has bound herself to the Allied Powers as an indemnity by the fourth Article of the Treaty of this day, shall take place in the form and at the periods prescribed by the following Articles :

ARTICLE I.

The sum of seven hundred millions of francs, being the amount of the indemnity, shall be discharged day by day, in equal portions, in the space of five years, by means of *Bons au Porteur*

on the royal treasury of France, in the manner that shall be now set forth.

ARTICLE II.

The treasury shall give over immediately to the Allied Powers, fifteen engagements for forty-six millions and two-thirds each, forming together the sum of seven hundred millions; the first engagement payable on the thirty-first of March one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the second on the thirty-first of July of the same year, and so on, in every fourth month, during the five successive years.

ARTICLE III.

These engagements shall not be negotiable, but they shall be periodically exchanged against *Bons au Porteur*, negotiable, drawn in the form used in the ordinary service of the royal treasury.

ARTICLE IV.

In the month which shall precede the four in the course of which an engagement is to be paid, that engagement shall be divided by the treasury of France, into *Bons au Porteur*, payable in Paris, in equal portions, from the first to the last day of the four months.

Thus the engagement of forty-six millions and two-thirds, falling due the thirty-first of March one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, shall be exchanged in the month of November one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, against *Bons au Porteur* payable in equal portions from the first of December one thousand eight hundred and fifteen to the thirty-first of March one thousand eight hundred and sixteen; the engagement of forty-six millions and two-thirds which will fall due the thirty-first of July one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, shall be exchanged in the month of March of the same year, against *Bons au Porteur* payable in equal portions from the first of April 1816 to the thirty-first of July of the same year; and so on, every four months.

ARTICLE V.

No single *Bon au Porteur* shall be delivered for the sum due each day, but the sum so due, shall be divided into several *Coupons* or bills of one thousand, two thousand, five thousand, ten thousand, and twenty thousand francs, the which sums added together, will amount to the sum total of the payment due for each day.

ARTICLE VI.

The Allied Powers, convinced that it is as much their interest as that of France, that too considerable a sum of *Bons au Porteur* should not be issued at once, agree that there never shall be in circulation *Bons* for more than fifty millions of francs at a time.

ARTICLE VII.

No interest shall be paid by France for the delay of five years which the Allied Powers allow to her for the payment of the seven hundred millions of francs.

ARTICLE VIII.

On the first of January 1816, there shall be made over by France to the Allied Powers, as a guaran-