Member of His Imperial Majesty's Privy Council, a Senator, Knight of the Order of Saint Andrew, of Saint Alexander Newsky, Grand Cross of the Order of St. Wolodimir of the First Class, Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Saint Stephen of Hungary, and of the Orders of the Black Eagle and of the Red Eagle of Prussia; and the Sieur John Count Capo d'Istria, a Member of His Imperial Majesty's Privy Council, Secretary of State, Knight of the Order of Saint Anne of the First Class, Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Wolodimir of the Second Class, Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold of Austria, and of the Red Eagle of Prussia; who, after having exchanged their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The islands of Corfu, Cephalonia, Zante, Maura, Ithaca, Cerigo and Paxo, with their dependencies, such as they are described in the Treaty between His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias and the Ottoman Porte, of the 21st of March 1800, shall form a single, free and independent State, under the denomination of the United States of the Ionian Islands.

ARTICLE II.

This State shall be placed under the immediate and exclusive protection of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, His heirs and successors. The other Contracting Powers do consequently renounce every right or particular pretention which they might have formed in respect to them, and formally guarantee all the dispositions of the present Treaty.

ARTICLE III.

The United States of the Ionian Islands shall, with the approbation of the protecting Power, regulate their internal organization; and in order to give to all the parts of this organization the necessary consistency and action, His Britannick Majesty will employ a particular solicitude with regard to the legislation and the general administration of those States, His Majesty will therefore appoint a Lord High Commissioner to reside there, invested with all the necessary power and authorities for this purpose.

ARTICLE IV.

In order to carry into execution, without delay, the stipulations mentioned in the Articles preceding, and to ground the political re-organization which is actually in force, the Lord High Commissioner of the Protecting Power shall regulate the forms of convocation of a Legislative Assembly, of which he shall direct the proceedings, in order to draw up a new Constitutional Charter for the States, which His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland shall be requested to ratify.

Until such Constitutional Charter shall have been so drawn up, and duly ratified, the existing Constitutions shall remain in force in the different islands, and no alteration shall be made in them, except by His Britannick Majesty in Council.

ARTICLE V.

In order to ensure, without restriction, to the inhabitants of the United States of the Ionian Islands, the advantages resulting from the high protection under which these States are placed, as well as for the exercise of the rights inherent in the said protection, His Britannick Majesty shall have the right to occupy the fortresses and places of those States, and to maintain garrisons in the same. The military force of the said United States shall also be under the orders of the Commander in Chief of the troops of His Britannick Majesty.

ARTICLE VI.

His Britannick Majesty consents, that a particular Convention with the Government of the said United States shall regulate, according to the revenues of these States, every thing which may relate to the maintenance of the fortresses already existing, as well as to the subsistence and payment of the British garrisons, and to the number of men of which they shall be composed in time of peace.

The same Convention shall likewise fix the relations which are to exist between the said armed force and the Ionian Government.

ARTICLE VII.

The trading flag of the United States of the Ionian Islands shall be acknowledged by all the Contracting Parties as the flag of a free and independent State. It shall carry with the colours and above the armorial bearings thereon displayed before the year 1807, such other as His Britannick Majesty may think proper to grant, as a mark of the protection under which the said Ionian States are placed; and for the more effectual furtherance of this protection, all the ports and harbours of the said States are hereby declared to be, with respect to honorary and military rights, within British jurisdiction. The commerce between the United Ionian States and the dominions of His Imperial and Royal Apostolick Majesty shall enjoy the same advantages and facilities as that of Great Britain with the said United States. None but Commercial Agents, or Consuls, charged solely with the carrying on commercial relations, and subject to the regulations to which Commercial Agents or Consuls are subject in other independent States, shall be accredited to the United States of the Ionian Islands.

ARTICLE VIII.

All the Powers which signed the Treaty of Paris of the 30th of May 1814, and the Act of the Congress of Vienna of the 9th of June 1815; and also His Majesty the King of the Two Sicilies, and the Ottoman Porte, shall be invited to accede to the present Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

The present Act shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in two months, or sooner, if possible.

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

Done at Paris, the 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1815.

(Signed)
(L. S.) CASTLEREAGH.
(L. S.) WELLINGTON.
(Signed)
(L. S.) Le Prince de RASOUMOFFSKY.
(L. S.) Le Comte CAPO D'ISTRIA.

NOTE.—*Similar Treaties were signed on the same day by the Plenipotentiaries of His Majesty, with those of the Emperor of Austria and the King of Prussia, respectively.*