CONVENTION WITH THE KING OF THE TWO SICILIES.

MESSAGE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
TRANSMITTING:
Copies of a Convention between the United States and the King of the Two Sicilies, respecting depredations inflicted upon American commerce.

MAY 14, 1834.
Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress copies of a convention between the United States and his Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, to terminate the reclamations of the former for the depredations inflicted upon American commerce, by Murat, during the years 1809, 1810, 1811, and 1812, concluded at Naples on the fourteenth day of October, 1832, and the ratifications of which were exchanged at the same place on the eighth June, 1833.

ANDREW JACKSON.

WASHINGTON, MAY 13, 1834.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas a 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, was concluded and signed at Naples on the fourteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, which convention is word for word as follows:

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, desiderando di
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 their 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 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 Statello, Prince of Cassaro, Marchese di Spaccaforno, Conte Statella, &c. &c. : ed il Governo degli Stati Uniti di America il Signor Giovanni Nelson, Suo Incaricato di Affari presso questa Real Corte ; i quali dopo il Cambio delle respective loro Plenipotenze, e queste trovate in buona e debita forma, hanno convenuto dei seguenti Articoli:

**ARTICLE 1st.**

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 million one hundred and fifteen porre finalmente un termine, alle reclamazioni avanzate dal detto Governo, presso la Maestà Sua, perché i negozianti di essi Stati fossero risolti delle perdite, recate loro da Murat, per le prede, sequestro, confische e distruzione dei bastimenti, e dei carichi de loro proprietà, negli anni 1809, 1810, 1811 e 1812, e volendo con ciò viieppiù stringere la Maestà Sua col cennato Governo degli Stati Uniti i legami di buona armonia non mai turbata per lo addietro, la prelodata Maestà Sua il Re del Regno delle Due Sicilie, ed il Governo degli Stati Uniti hanno concordemente risoluto di venire ad un aggiustamento, a terminare il quale, hanno nominati, e munite delle necessarie Plenipotenze, cioè :

Sua Maestà il Re del Regno delle Due Sicilie, Sua Eccelenza D. Antonio Maria Statella, Principe di Cassaro, Marchese di Spaccaforno, Conte Statella, &c. &c. : ed il Governo degli Stati Uniti di America il Signor Giovanni Nelson, Suo Incaricato di Affari presso questa Real Corte ; i quali dopo il Cambio delle rispettive loro Plenipotenze, e queste trovate in buona e debita forma, hanno convenuto dei seguenti Articoli:

**ARTICOLO 1°.**

Sua Maestà il Re del Regno delle Due Sicilie ad oggetto di far tacere le succennate reclamazioni per le prede, sequestre, confische e distruzione dei bastimenti e dei carichi dei negozianti degli Stati Uniti recata da Murat, negli anni 1809, 1810, 1811 e 1812 (e per qualunque altra spesa incidente o derivante dalle anzidette cagioni) si obbliga di pagare la somma di Ducati Napoletani, due milioni cento quindici mila, al Governo degli Sta-
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 among the claimants by the said Government of the United States in such manner, and according to such rules as it may prescribe.

**ARTICLE 2d.**

The sum of two million one hundred and fifteen thousand Neapolitan ducats, agreed on in Article the 1st, shall be paid in Naples, in nine equal instalments 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 ratification of this convention, until the whole sum shall be paid. The first instalment shall be payable twelve months after the exchange of the said ratifications, and the remaining instalments, 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 authorized by the Government of the United States to receive the same.

**ARTICLE 3d.**

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 14th day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

JNO. NELSON. [L. s.]
And whereas the said convention has been duly ratified on both parts, and the respective ratifications of the same were exchanged at Naples on the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by Auguste Davezac on the part of the United States, and the Prince of Cas-saro on the part of the King of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, have caused the said convention to be made public, to the end that the same and every clause and article thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and of the independence of the United States the fifty-eighth.

ANDREW JACKSON.

By the President:
L. M. LANE,
Secretary of State.