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1776	Cartel [Continental Congress labeled it a Sponson]	Brig. Gen. Benedict Arnold	Captain Forester [Great Britain]	No	Release of American Soldiers in return for release of British POWs	Denied	5 JCC 534-39
1777	Articles of Capitulation [aka "Convention of Saratoga"]	General Maj. Gates	Lt. Gen. Burgoyne [Great Britain]	No	Parole of British Forces Promise not to resume fight	No	2 MARTENS 559
1778	Treaty of Amity and Commerce	Thirteen United States of North America	Christian King [France]	No	Peace and trade agreement	Yes	2 MILLER 3
1778	Treaty of Alliance	United States of North America	Christian King [France]	No	Alliance in American Revolution against Great Britain	Yes	2 MILLER 35
1778	Acts Secret and Separate	Deputies of the united states	Christian King [France]	No	Giving King of Spain power to accede to US-French Treaties of Amity and Alliance	Yes	2 MILLER 45
1781	Articles of Capitulation	General Washington	Lord Cornwallis Thomas Symonds (Great Britain); Counts de Rochambeau and de Grasse [France]	No	Terms of Surrender, disposition of troops, artillery, and arms, prohibition of reprisals	No	1 MARTENS 177
1782	Contract	Thirteen United States of North America	King [France]	No	Loan from France to Congress of the United States	Yes	2 MILLER 48
1782	Treaty of Amity and Commerce	United States of America	States-General of the United Netherlands	No	Peace and trade agreement	Yes	2 MILLER 59
1782	Convention concerning Vessels Recaptured	United States of America	Lords, States-General of the United Netherlands	No	Prize Principles for cases where privateers of either of two nations recapture a vessel from their common enemies	Yes	2 MILLER 91
1782	Preliminary Articles of Peace	Commissioners of the United States of America: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, John Jay, & Henry Laurens	Richard Oswald Esquire, Commissioner his Britannic Majesty [Great Britain]	No	Terms of peace and recognition to be inserted into a Treaty of Peace once Great Britain and France conclude a Treaty of Peace	Yes	2 MILLER 96
1783	Contract	Thirteen United States of North America	King [France]	No	Loan from France to Congress of the United States	Yes	2 MILLER 115

¹ For Agreements with Native American Tribes, see listed collections in FRANCIS PAUL PRUCHA, NATIVE AMERICAN TREATIES (1994); DOROTHY JONES, LICENSE FOR EMPIRE: COLONIALISM BY TREATY IN EARLY AMERICA (1982).

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1783	Treaty of Amity and Commerce	United States of America	King of Sweden	Yes (15 years)	Peace and trade agreement	Yes	2 MILLER 123
1783	Definitive Treaty of Peace	United States of America	His Britannick Majesty [Great Britain]	No	Peace treaty by which Great Britain recognized United States and two sides addressed disputes and other matters	Yes	2 MILLER 151
1785	Treaty of Amity and Commerce	United States of America	King of Prussia	Yes (10 years)	Peace and trade agreement	Yes	2 MILLER 162
1786	Treaty of Peace and Friendship	United States of America	Emperor of Morocco	50 years	Promises to not fight or support each other's enemies (Barbary Pirates)	Yes	2 Miller 185
1786	[Ship Signals Agreement]	Thomas Barclay (US)	Commodore Rais Farache [Morocco]	None	Display patterns for pendants/lanterns to identify vessels to other State	No	2 MILLER 219
1788	Convention	United States of America	Most Christian Majesty [France]	Yes (12 years)	Defining and Establishing the Functions and Privileges of Consuls and Vice Consuls	Yes	2 MILLER 228
1792	[Postal Convention]	U.S. Postmaster General (US)	Great Britain (on behalf of Canada)	Yes (2 years)	Postal relations between the United States and Canada	No (but authorized by 1 Stat. 239)	MCCLURE 38-39
1794	Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation [Jay Treaty]	United States of America	His Britannick Majesty [Great Britain]	In part: Arts 1-10, "permanent" Arts. 11, 13-27 (12 years) Art. 12 (2 years)	Resolving outstanding issues between the two nations	Yes	2 MILLER 245
1795	Treaty of Peace and Amity	President and Citizens of the United States of North America	Hassan Bashaw [Algiers]	No	Treatment of citizens and vessels of both nations	Yes	2 MILLER 275
1795	Treaty of Friendship, Limits, and Navigation [Pinckney's Treaty]	United States of America	His Catholic Majesty [Spain]	No	Fixing US southern boundary; commercial relations; Mississippi river navigation rights	Yes	2 MILLER 318
1796	Explanatory Article	United States of America	His Majesty the King of Great Britain	No	Agreed interpretation of Jay Treaty article 8 on free passage and navigation	Yes	2 MILLER 346
1796, 1797	Treaty of Peace and Friendship	United States of America	Bey and Subjects of Tripoli of Barbary [under protection and guarantee of Dey of Algiers]	No	Treatment of citizens and vessels in Tripoli's waters	Yes	2 MILLER 349
1797, 1799	Treaty of Peace and Friendship	President of the Congress of the United States of America	Prince Hamuda Pasha, Bey, Ibrahim Dey, and Agha Sulciman [Government of Tunis]	No	Treatment of citizens and vessels in Tunis's waters	Yes	2 MILLER 386
1798	Explanatory Article	United States	His Britannick Majesty [Great Britain]	No	Agreed interpretation of Jay Treaty Article 5	Yes	2 MILLER 427

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1799	Exchange of Letters	Minister Resident of the United States William Vans Murray	Minister of Foreign Relations of the Batavian Republic Maarten van der Goes	No	Agreement to waive claims regarding a Dutch prize court upholding seizure of a U.S. vessel in for 20,000 florins	No	5 MILLER 1078
1799	Treaty of Amity and Commerce	United-States of America	King of Prussia	Yes (Ten years)	Renewal of 1785 Treaty that had expired by its terms	Yes	2 MILLER 433
1800	Convention with additional article and provisos	United States of America	The French Republic	Yes (8 years)	Restored peace (ending quasi-war), returned ships, compensated injured parties and regulated trade and commercial affairs between the two nations	Yes	2 MILLER 457
1802	Convention Regarding Articles 6 and 7 of the Jay Treaty and Article 4 of the Definitive Treaty of Peace	President of the United States	His Britannick Majesty [Great Britain]	No	U.S. commits to pay £600,000 to Great Britain in satisfaction of U.S. claims under art. 6 of the Jay Treaty and directing completion of Jay Treaty commissioners' work within three years	Yes	2 MILLER 488
1802	Convention for Indemnification	United States of America	His Catholic Majesty [Spain]	No	Establishing commission to indemnify both sides' nationals who were injured by losses in violation of existing treaty or law of nations	Yes	2 MILLER 492
1803	Treaty for the Cession of Louisiana [aka Louisiana Purchase]	United States of America	The French Republic	No	Cession of sovereignty over Louisiana territory to United States along with accompanying commitments including most favored nation status in ports granted to France	Yes	2 MILLER 498
1803	Convention	United States of America	The French Republic	No	Part of Louisiana Purchase, providing for U.S. Payment of 60 million Francs, less Sum fixed by companion Convention re payment of debts owed by France to U.S. citizens	Yes	2 MILLER 512
1803	Convention	United States of America	The French Republic	Yes (Art. 11 requires all decisions be within 1 year of ratifications)	Part of Louisiana Purchase, established process of settling debts owed by France to U.S. citizens	Yes	2 MILLER 516
1805	Treaty of Peace and Amity	United States of America	The Bashaw, Bey and Subjects of Tripoli in Barbary	No	Updating 1796/1797 treaty (<i>supra</i>) re treatment of citizens and vessels in Tripoli's waters	Yes	2 MILLER 529
1813	Cartel for the Exchange of Prisoners of War	John Mitchell, American Agent for Prisoners of war [United States]	Advocate General for the Province of Nova Scotia, Richard John Uniacke, and Lt. Gen. William Miller [Great Britain]	No [Art. 15 provides unilateral denunciation right on 6-months' notice]	Exchange of prisoners	No (but ratified by Secretary of State James Monroe)	1 MILLER 557

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1814	Terms of Capitulation	Common Counsel, City of Alexandria	Capt. John Gordon [Great Britain]	No	City turned over stores and supplies in return for British promise not to destroy town or invade homes	No	alexandriava.gov/1812
1814	Treaty of Peace [aka Treaty of Ghent]	United States of America	His Britannick Majesty [Great Britain]	No	Ending the War of 1812, restoring peace, agreeing on boundaries and processes for resolving boundary issues	Yes	2 MILLER 574
1815	Treaty of peace	The President and Citizens of the United States of America	The Dey and Subjects of the Regency of Algiers in Barbary	No	Treatment of citizens and vessels in Algiers's waters	Yes	2 Miller 585
1815	Convention to regulate Commerce	United States of America	His Britannick Majesty [Great Britain]	Yes [4 years]	Providing for freedom of commerce; most favored nation status and right to appoint consuls	Yes	2 MILLAR 595
1816	Treaty of Friendship and Commerce	United States of America	His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway	Yes [8 years]	Following expiration of original treaty (<i>supra</i>), affirming friendship and regulating commerce and shipping between the two nations	Yes (except for Arts. 3, 4 and 6)	2 MILLAR 601
1816	Treaty of peace and amity	The President and Citizens of the United States of America	The Dey and Regency of Algiers	No	Renewing 1815 treaty (<i>supra</i>) with an additional article	Yes	2 MILLER 617
1817	Exchange of Notes [aka Rush-Bagot Agreement]	Acting Secretary of State Richard Rush [United States]	His Britannick Majesty's Enoy Extraordinary Charles Bagot [Great Britain]	No [but text allows unilat. denunciation on 6-months' notice]	Agreement on stationing of naval vessels in the Great Lakes	Yes	2 MILLER 645
1818	Convention [aka Oregon Treaty]	United States of America	His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland	In part	Extending U.S. Canadian Border along 49 th parallel and extending for 10 years certain commercial provisions of 1815 Commercial Convention (<i>supra</i>)	Yes	2 MILLAR 658
1819	Treaty of Amity, Settlement, and Limits [aka Onís-Adams Treaty]	United States of America	His Catholic Majesty [Spain]	No	Establishes firm and lasting peace; cession of Florida to US; sets boundaries for West of Mississippi; settles existing claims; annuls 1802 Convention for indemnification (<i>supra</i>);	Yes	3 MILLER 3
1822	Convention of Navigation and Commerce	United States of America	His Majesty the King of France and Navarre France	Yes (2 years or until conclusion of a "definitive Treaty" or renunciation w/ 6-months' notice)	Providing mutual commitments on treatment of commerce and navigation	Yes	3 MILLER 77
1822	Convention for Determining the Indemnification under	United States of America	His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland	No	Implementing the proposal by the Emperor of Russia to resolve differences between the two governments regarding	Yes	3 MILLER 91

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	the Decision of the Emperor of Russia as to the True Construction of Article 1 of the Treaty of Ghent		The Emperor of Russia		the Article 1 promise in the treaty of Ghent to restore territory, places and possessions taken by either party during the War of 1812		
1824	Convention Amending the Treaty of August 28, 1797, and March 26, 1799	Chargé d'affairs of the United States of America in Tunis, S.D. Heap	His Highness Mahmoud Bashaw Bey of Tunis	No	Agreement to amend various articles of the 1797/1799 Treaty (<i>supra</i>) subject to final ratification of the President following Senate advice and consent	Yes	3 MILLER 141
1824	Convention regarding Navigation, Fishing, and Trading Establishments	The President of the United States	His Majesty the Emperor of All Russias	No	Resolved boundary between two nations on the Northwest Coast of America and established commercial and navigation rights for both sides	Yes	3 MILLER 151
1825	General Convention of Peace, Amity, Navigation and Commerce	The United States of America	The Republic of Colombia	No	Affirms "perfect" peace between two nations and lays out various mutual rights of navigation and commerce	Yes	3 MILLER 163
1825	Convention for Adjusting Certain Claims	Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America	Secretary of State and foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia	No	settled claims arising out of the capture of four American ships by Venezuelan brigs of war	No	3 MILLER 195
1825	Exchange of Notes	Secretary of State Henry Clay	Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Russia Baron de Tuyll	No	Settling the Claim in the Case of the Brig <i>Pearl</i>	No	3 MILLER 201
1825	General Convention of Peace, Amity, Navigation and Commerce	The United States of America	The Federation of the Centre of America	No	Affirms "perfect" peace between two nations and lays out various mutual rights of navigation and commerce	Yes	3 MILLER 209
1826	General Convention of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation	United States	H.M. the King of Denmark	Yes (10-year duration, thereafter until 1-years notice of termination by either contracting party)	Affirms "perfect" peace between two nations and lays out various mutual rights of navigation and commerce	Yes	3 MILLER 239
1826	Articles Agreed	Capt. Thomas Catesby Jones, U.S.N.	King, Council, and Head Men of Tahiti	No	Exchange of consuls; shipping and trading rights	No	3 MILLER 249;
1826	Articles Agreed	Capt. Thomas Catesby Jones, U.S.N.	Kauikeaouli King of Sandwich Islands and his Guardians (Hawaii)	No	Exchange of consuls; shipping and trading rights	No	3 MILLER 269
1826	Convention for the Payment of \$1,204,960	United States of America	His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland	No	Compensation by Great Britain to U.S. slaveholders for freed slaves during the War of 1812	Yes	3 MILLER 261

