

Giendom og private Rettigheder, og de kunne efter eget Valg forblive boende paa *Terne* eller til enhver Tid forlade dem, beholde deres daværende Giendom eller afhænde den og føre Udbyttet af Afhændelsen, hvorhen de ville, uden at der i den Anledning kan paalægges dem nogen som helst Skat, Afgift eller Byrde. De iblandt dem, som foretrakke at forblive boende paa *Terne*, have Ret til enten at bevare deres hidtilværende undersøftlige Forhold og de deraf følgende Rettigheder eller at erhverve Borgerrret i de Forenede Stater, men de skulle træffe deres Valg i faa Henseende inden 2 Aar efter Udvevlingen af Ratificationerne af denne Convention, og de, som forblive boende paa *Terne* efter Udløbet af dette Tidsrum, uden at have erklæret, at de ønske at bevare deres hidtilværende undersøftlige Forhold, skulle antages at have bestemt sig til at blive Borgere i de Forenede Stater.

Artikel 4.

Sans Majestæt Kongen af Danmark vil, umiddelbart efterat de Forenede Stater have erlagt den i nærværende Conventions Artikel 5 fastsatte Pengesum, udnævne en eller flere Befuldmægtigede, der ville have paa formel Maade at overlevere til den eller de af de Forenede Stater dertil Befuldmægtigede de ovennævnte *Der*, *Giendomme* og *Appertinentier*, derunder indbefattet *Fæstningsværker* og *Militairposter*, som findes paa de afstaaede Territorier, og at foretage alle de Skridt, som i dette Niemed maatte ansees nødvendige. Dog skal Afstaaelsen og den dermed umiddelbart forbundne Giendoms-overdragelse allerede ved Udvevlingen af Ratificationerne ansees som fuldstændig og endelig uden Hensyn til den senere formelle Overlevering. De danske Tropper, som maatte findes paa *Terne*, skulle trækkes bort inden en passende og beleilig Tidsfrist.

their property and private rights, and they shall be free to remain where they now reside or to remove at any time retaining the property which they possess in the said islands or disposing thereof and removing the proceeds wherever they please, without their being subjected on this account to any contribution, tax or charge whatever. Those who shall prefer to remain in the said islands may either retain the title and the rights of their natural allegiance, or acquire those of citizens of the United States. But they shall make their election within two years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of this convention; and those who shall remain in the said islands after the expiration of that terme without having declared their intention to retain their natural allegiance shall be considered to have elected to become citizens of the United States.

Article IV.

Immediately after the payment by the United States of the sum of money stipulated for in the fifth article of this Convention, His Majesty the King of Denmark will appoint an agent or agents for the purpose of formally delivering to a similar agent or agents appointed on behalf of the United States the territory, islands, property and appurtenances which are ceded as above, including any fortifications or military posts which may be in the ceded territory, and for doing any other act which may be necessary in regard thereto. But the cession with the righth of immediate possession is nevertheless to be deemed complete and absolute on the exchange of ratifications without waiting for such formal delivery. Any Danish troops which may be in the territory or islands aforesaid, shall be withdrawn as soon as may be reasonably and conveniently practicable.