

Ejendom, hvilket skal ske inden tre Aar fra Udvekslingen af Ratifikationerne af nærværende Traktat.

Regerings-Arkiver, Papirer og Dokumenter, som vedkomme de afstaaede Øer og Højhedsretten over samme, og som nu findes der, gaa over ved denne Overdragelse, men en bekræftet Genpart af saadanne Dokumenter eller Papirer, som maatte ønskes meddelte, vil til enhver Tid blive given af de Forenede Stater til den danske Regering eller til behørig autoriserede danske Embedsmænd eller Undersaatter, som maatte begære saadant.

Artikel III.

De danske Undersaatter, der bebo de nævnte Øer, kunne efter eget Valg blive boende eller flytte derfra, idet de i det ene som i det andet Tilfælde bevare alle deres Ejendomsrettigheder, deri indbefattet Retten til at sælge eller raade over saadan Ejendom eller Udbyttet deraf; og i Tilfælde af, at de forblive paa Øerne, skulle de, indtil anderledes bestemmes, vedblive at nyde alle private Rettigheder, kommunale og religiøse Friheder, som ere dem tilstaaede ved de nu gældende Love. Ifald de nuværende Love forandres, skulle de ikke derved bringes i en ugunstigere Stilling i Henseende til de ovenomtalte Rettigheder og Friheder end de nu nyde. De som forblive paa Øerne, have Ret til at bevare deres Undersaatsforhold til den danske Krone ved, inden to Aar fra Dagen for Udvekslingen af denne Konventions Ratifikationer, til en „Court of Record“ at afgive en Erklæring om, at de ønske at bevare saadant Undersaatsforhold, i Mangel af hvilken Erklæring de skulle anses for at have givet Afkald derpaa og at have valgt at træde i undersaatligt Forhold til de Forenede Stater; men saadant Valg af dansk Undersaatsforhold skal ikke efter Udløbet af ovennævnte Frist af to Aar, være til Hinder for, at de give Afkald paa deres bevarede Undersaatsforhold til Danmark og vælge at træde i undersaatligt Forhold til de Forenede Stater og

of ownership of said property which shall be within three years from the exchange of the ratifications of the present treaty.

Any Government archives, papers and documents relative to the islands ceded and the dominion of the same, which may now be existing there, shall pass by this cession, but an authenticated copy of such documents or papers as may be required will be at all times given by the United States to the Danish Government or to such properly authorized Danish officers or subjects as may apply for them.

Article III.

Danish subjects residing in said islands may remain therein or may remove therefrom at will, retaining in either event all their rights of property, including the right to sell or dispose of such property or its proceeds; and in case they remain in the islands, they shall continue until otherwise provided, to enjoy all the private, municipal and religious rights and liberties secured to them by the laws now in force. If the present laws are altered, the said inhabitants shall not thereby be placed in a less favorable position in respect to the above mentioned rights and liberties than they now enjoy. Those, who remain in the islands may preserve their allegiance to the Crown of Denmark by making, before a court of record, within two years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of this Convention, a declaration of their decision to preserve such allegiance, in default of which declaration they shall be held to have renounced it and to have accepted allegiance to the United States; but such election of Danish allegiance shall not, after the lapse of the said term of two years, be a bar to their renunciation of their preserved Danish allegiance and their election of allegiance to the United States and admission to the nationality thereof on the same terms as may be provided according to the laws of the United States, for other inhabitants of the islands.