

vendig. Formel Overlevering af det overdragne Territorium og Ejendom skal finde Sted umiddelbart efter, at de Forenede Stater har betalt det i denne Konvention stipulerede Pengebeløb; men Overdragelsen med Ret til umiddelbar Besiddelsesstagelse skal ikke desmindre anses at være fuldstændig ved Udvekslingen af Ratifikationerne til denne Konvention uden saadan formel Overlevering. Alle danske Land- eller Sømilitære Styrker, som maatte befinde sig paa de overdragne Øer, skal trækkes tilbage, saa snart dette lader sig gøre efter den formelle Overlevering, idet man dog er enig om, at dersom de Personer, som udgør saadanne Styrker, efter at have afsluttet deres danske Tjeneste, ikke ønsker at forlade Øerne, skal det være dem tilladt at forblive der som Civilpersoner.

A r t i k e l 5.

Som fuldt Vederlag for den ved denne Konvention skete Overdragelse gaar de Forenede Stater ind paa at betale, inden 90 Dage fra Datoen for Udvekslingen af Ratifikationerne af denne Konvention, i Staden Washington til Hans Majestæt Kongen af Danmarks diplomatiske Repræsentant eller anden Befuldmægtiget, som er behørig beinyndiget til at modtage Penge, en Sum af 25 Millioner Dollars i de Forenede Staters Guldmønt.

A r t i k e l 6.

De danske Statsborgere, der bebor de nævnte Øer, kan efter eget Valg blive boende eller flytte derfra, idet de i det ene som i det andet Tilfælde bevarer alle deres Ejendomsrettigheder, deri indbefattet Rettten til at sælge eller raade over saadan Ejendom eller Udbyttet deraf; i Tilfælde af, at de forbliver paa Øerne, skal de, indtil anderledes bestemmes, vedblive at nyde alle private Rettigheder, kommunale og religiøse Friheder, som er dem tilstaaede ved de nu gældende Love. Ifald de nuværende Love forandres, skal de ikke derved bringes i en ugunstigere Stilling i

shall be made immediately after the payment by the United States of the sum of money stipulated in this convention; but the cession with the right of immediate possession is nevertheless to be deemed complete on the exchange of ratifications of this convention without such formal delivery. Any Danish military or naval forces which may be in the Islands ceded shall be withdrawn as soon as may be practicable after the formal delivery, it being however understood that if the persons constituting these forces, after having terminated their Danish service, do not wish to leave the Islands, they shall be allowed to remain there as civilians.

A r t i c l e 5.

In full consideration of the cession made by this convention, the United States agrees to pay within ninety days from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of this convention, in the City of Washington to the diplomatic representative or other agent of His Majesty the King of Denmark duly authorized to receive the money, the sum of twenty-five million dollars in gold coin of the United States.

A r t i c l e 6.

Danish citizens 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; 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