

Henseende til de ovenomtalte Rettigheder og Friheder, end de nu nyder. De, som forbliver paa Øerne, har Ret til at bevare deres Statsborgerforhold til Danmark ved, inden et Aar fra Dagen for Udvekslingen af denne Konventions Ratifikationer, til en »Court of Record« at afgive en Erklæring om, at de ønsker at bevare saadant Statsborgerforhold, i Mangel af hvilken Erklæring de skal anses for at have givet Afkald derpaa og at have valgt at træde i undersaatligt Forhold til de Forenede Stater; for Børn under 18 Aar kan den nævnte Erklæring afgives af Forældre eller Værge. Saadant Valg af dansk Statsborgerforhold skal dog ikke efter Udløbet af ovennævnte Frist af et Aar være til Hinder for, at de giver Afkald paa deres bevarede Statsborgerforhold til Danmark og vælger at træde i statsborgerligt Forhold til de Forenede Stater og optages i disses Nationalitet paa de Betingelser, som overensstemmende med de Forenede Staters Love maatte blive foreskrevne for andre Beboere af Øerne.

Øernes Indbyggers borgerlige Rettigheder og politiske Vilkaar skal bestemmes af Kongressen, i Overensstemmelse med de i nærværende Konvention indeholdte Bestemmelser.

Danske Statsborgere, der ikke er bosatte paa Øerne, men paa Overdragelsestiden ejer Ejendom der, skal bevare deres Ejendomsrettigheder, deri indbefattet Retten til at sælge eller raade over disse Ejendomme, idet de i saa Henseende er stillede paa samme Fod som de danske Statsborgere, der bor paa Øerne og bliver der eller flytter derfra, om hvem denne Artikels første Del handler.

Artikel 7.

Danske Undersaatte, som bor paa Øerne, skal saavel i civile som i kriminelle Sager være undergivet Øernes Domstoles Jurisdiktion i Overensstemmelse med de for samme gældende almindelige Love; og de skal have Ret til at give Møde for disse Domstole og forfølge den samme Frem-

than they now enjoy. Those, who remain in the islands may preserve their citizenship in Denmark by making before a court of record, within one year from the date of the exchange of ratifications of this convention, a declaration of their decision to preserve such citizenship; in default of which declaration they shall be held to have renounced it, and to have accepted citizenship in the United States; for children under eighteen years the said declaration may be made by their parents or guardians. Such election of Danish citizenship shall however not, after the lapse of the said term of one year, be a bar to their renunciation of their preserved Danish citizenship and their election of citizenship in 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.

The civil rights and the political status of the inhabitants of the islands shall be determined by the Congress, subject to the stipulations contained in the present convention.

Danish citizens not residing in the islands but owning property therein at the time of the cession, shall retain their rights of property, including the right to sell or dispose of such property, being placed in this regard on the same basis as the Danish citizens residing in the islands and remaining therein or removing therefrom, to whom the first paragraph of this article relates.

Article 7.

Danish subjects residing in the Islands shall be subject in matters civil as well as criminal to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Islands, pursuant to the ordinary laws governing the same, and they shall have the right to appear before such courts, and to pursue the same course the-