

fixed to the space of 18 months, to be computed from the day of the ratification of the definitive treaty.

VI. In order to re-establish peace on the most solid and lasting foundations, and to remove for ever every subject of dispute with regard to the limits of the British and French territories on the continent of America; it is agreed, that, for the future, the confines between the dominions of his Britannick majesty, and those of his Most Christian majesty, in that part of the world, shall be irrecoverably fixed by a line drawn along the middle of the river Mississippi, from its source, as far as the river Iberville, and from thence, by a line drawn along the middle of this river, and of the Lakes Maurepas and Pontchartrain, to the sea; and to this purpose, the Most Christian king cedes in full right, and guaranties to his Britannick majesty, the river and port of Mobile, and everything that he possesses, or ought to have possessed, on the left side of the river Mississippi, except the town of New Orleans, and the island in which it is situated, which shall remain to France; provided that the navigation of the river Mississippi shall be equally free, as well to the subjects of Great Britain, as to those of France, in its whole breadth and length, from its source to the sea, and that part expressly, which is between the said island of New Orleans, and the right bank of that river, as well as the passage both in and out of its mouth. It is further stipulated, that the vessels belonging to the subjects of either nation, shall not be stopped, visited, or subjected to the payment of any duty whatsoever. The stipulations, in favour of the inhabitants of Canada, inserted in the second article, shall also take place, with regard to the inhabitants of the countries ceded by this article.

XIX. In consequence of the restitution stipulated in the preceding article, his Catholic majesty cedes and guaranties, in full right, to his Britannick majesty, all that Spain possesses on the continent of North America, to the E. or to the S. E. of the river Mississippi. And his Britannick maj-

¹“The king of Great Britain shall restore to Spain all that he has conquered in the island of Cuba, with the fortress of the Havannah,” etc.—ED.