

## EXTRADITION

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### CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NETHERLANDS FOR THE EXTRADITION OF CRIMINALS

The United States of America and His Majesty the King of the Netherlands having judged it expedient, with a view to the better administration of justice and the prevention of crime within their respective territories and jurisdictions, that persons charged with, or convicted of, the crimes hereinafter enumerated, and being fugitives from justice, should, under certain circumstances, be reciprocally delivered up, have resolved to conclude a new convention for that purpose, and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America; Thomas F. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States, and

His Majesty the King of the Netherlands; William Ferdinand Henry von Weckherlin, His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

#### ARTICLE I

The United States of America and His Majesty the King of the Netherlands reciprocally engage to deliver up to justice all persons convicted of or charged with any of the crimes or offences enumerated in the following article, committed within the respective jurisdiction of the United States of

<sup>1</sup> TS 436, *post*, p. 53.

America, or of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, exclusive of the Colonies thereof, such persons being actually within such jurisdiction when the crime or offence was committed, who shall seek an asylum or shall be found within the jurisdiction of the other, exclusive of the Colonies of the Netherlands: Provided, That this shall only be done upon such evidence of criminality as, according to the laws of the place where the fugitive so charged shall be found, would justify his apprehension and commitment for trial, if the crime or offence had been there committed.

## ARTICLE II

Persons shall be delivered up, according to the provisions of this convention, who shall have been charged with, or convicted of, any of the following crimes:

1. Murder, including infanticide; manslaughter.
2. Rape, bigamy, abortion.
3. Arson.
4. Mutiny, and rebellion on shipboard by two or more passengers against the authority of the commander of the ship, or by the crew or part of the crew, against the commander or the ship's officers.
5. Burglary; or the corresponding crime in the Netherlands law under the description of thefts committed in an inhabited house by night, and by breaking in, by climbing, or forcibly.
6. The act of breaking into and entering public offices or the offices of banks, banking-houses, savings-banks, trust companies, or insurance companies, with intent to commit theft therein; and also the thefts resulting from such act.
7. Robbery; or the corresponding crime punished in the Netherlands law under the description of theft committed with violence or by means of threats.
8. Forgery, or the utterance of forged papers including the forgery or falsification of official acts of the Government or public authority or courts of justice affecting the title or claim to money or property.
9. The counterfeiting, falsifying or altering of money, whether coin or paper, or of instruments of debt created by national, state, provincial, or municipal governments, or coupons thereof, or of bank-notes, or the utterance or circulation of the same, or the counterfeiting, falsifying or altering of the seals of State.
10. Embezzlement by public officers.
11. Embezzlement by any person or persons hired or salaried, to the detriment of their employers, when the offence is subject to punishment by imprisonment by the laws of both countries.
12. Destruction or loss of a vessel on the high seas, or within the jurisdiction of the party asking the extradition, caused intentionally.

13. Kidnapping of minors, defined to be the abduction or detention of a minor for any unlawful end.

14. Obtaining by false devices money, valuables or other personal property, and the purchase of the same with the knowledge that they have been so obtained, when the crimes or offences are punishable by imprisonment or other corporal punishment by the laws of both countries.

15. Larceny, defined to be the theft of effects, personal property, or money.

16. Wilful and unlawful destruction or obstruction of railroads, which endangers human life.

Extradition shall also be granted for complicity in any of the crimes or offences enumerated in this article, provided that the persons charged with or convicted of such complicity may be punished as accessories with imprisonment of a year or more, by the laws of both countries.

Extradition may also be granted for the attempt to commit any of the crimes above enumerated, when such attempt is punishable with imprisonment of a year or more, by the laws of both contracting parties.

### ARTICLE III

The provisions of this convention shall not apply to any crime or offence of a political character, nor to acts connected with such crimes or offences; and no person surrendered under the provisions hereof shall in any case be tried or punished for a crime or offence of a political character, nor for any act connected therewith, committed previously to his extradition.

### ARTICLE IV

No person shall be tried or punished, after surrender, for any crime or offence other than that for which he was surrendered, if committed previous to his surrender, unless such crime or offence be one of those enumerated in Article II hereof.

### ARTICLE V

A fugitive criminal shall not be surrendered under the provisions hereof when, by lapse of time, he is exempt from prosecution or punishment for the crime or offence for which the surrender is asked, according to the laws of the country from which the extradition is demanded, or when his extradition is asked for the same crime or offence for which he has been tried, convicted or acquitted in that country, or so long as he is under prosecution for the same.

### ARTICLE VI

If the person whose extradition may be claimed pursuant to the stipulations hereof, be actually under prosecution for a crime or offence in the coun-

try where he has sought asylum, or shall have been convicted thereof, his extradition may be deferred until such proceedings be terminated, and until such criminal shall be set at liberty in due course of law.

#### ARTICLE VII

If the person claimed by one of the parties hereto shall also be claimed by one or more powers, pursuant to treaty provisions on account of crimes committed within their jurisdiction, such criminal shall be delivered in preference, in accordance with that demand which is the earliest in date.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Neither of the contracting parties shall be bound to deliver up, under the stipulations of this convention, its own citizens or subjects.

#### ARTICLE IX

The expenses of the arrest, detention, examination and transportation of the accused shall be paid by the government which has preferred the demand for extradition.

#### ARTICLE X

All articles found in the possession of the fugitive criminal at the time of his arrest, which were obtained through the commission of the act of which he is convicted or with which he is charged, or which may be material as evidence in making proof of the crime, shall, so far as practicable according to the laws or practice in the respective countries, be delivered up with his person at the time of surrender. Nevertheless, the rights of third parties, with regard to all such articles, shall be duly respected.

#### ARTICLE XI

Requisitions for the surrender of fugitives from justice shall be made by the respective diplomatic agents of the contracting parties. In the event of the absence of such agents from the country, or its seat of government, requisition may be made by consular officers.

When the person whose extradition shall have been asked, shall have been convicted of the crime, a copy of the sentence of the court in which he may have been convicted, authenticated under its seal and accompanied by an attestation of the official character of the judge by the proper authority, shall be furnished.

If, however, the fugitive is merely charged with crime, a duly authenticated copy of the warrant of arrest in the country where the crime was committed, and of the depositions upon which such warrant may have been issued, shall be produced, authenticated as above provided, with such other evidence or proof as may be deemed competent in the case.

If, after an examination, it shall be decided, according to the law and evidence, that extradition is due pursuant to this convention, the fugitive shall be surrendered according to the forms of law prescribed in such cases.

#### ARTICLE XII

It shall be lawful for any competent judicial authority of the United States of America, upon production of a certificate issued by the Secretary of State that request has been made by the Government of the Netherlands for the provisional arrest of a person convicted or accused of the commission therein of a crime extraditable under this convention, and upon legal complaint that such crime has been so committed, to issue his warrant for the apprehension of such person. But if the formal requisition for surrender with the documentary proofs hereinbefore prescribed be not made as aforesaid, by the diplomatic agent of the demanding government, or, in his absence, by a consular officer thereof, within forty days from the date of the commitment of the person convicted or accused, the prisoner shall be discharged from custody.

And it shall be lawful for any competent judicial authority of the Netherlands, upon production of a certificate issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs that request has been made by the Government of the United States for the provisional arrest of a person convicted or accused of the commission therein of a crime extraditable under this convention, to issue his warrant for the apprehension of such person. But if the formal requisition for surrender with the documentary proofs hereinbefore prescribed be not made as aforesaid by the diplomatic agent of the demanding government, or, in his absence, by a consular officer thereof, within forty days from the date of the arrest of the person convicted or accused, the prisoner shall be discharged from custody.

#### ARTICLE XIII

The present convention shall take effect on the twentieth day after its promulgation in the manner prescribed by the laws of the respective countries. On the same day the convention entered into by the two contracting parties on the 22d day of May, 1880,<sup>2</sup> shall be abrogated and annulled. But the present convention shall be held to apply to crimes enumerated in the former convention and committed prior to its abrogation and annulment. And as to other crimes, the present convention shall not be held to operate retroactively.

After the present convention shall have gone into operation, it shall continue until one of the two parties shall give to the other six months' notice of its desire to terminate it.

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<sup>2</sup> TS 255, *ante*, p. 41.

This convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington or The Hague as soon as possible.

In testimony whereof the respective plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention, in duplicate, and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at the City of Washington the second day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

T. F. BAYARD [SEAL]

W. F. H. VON WECKHERLIN [SEAL]