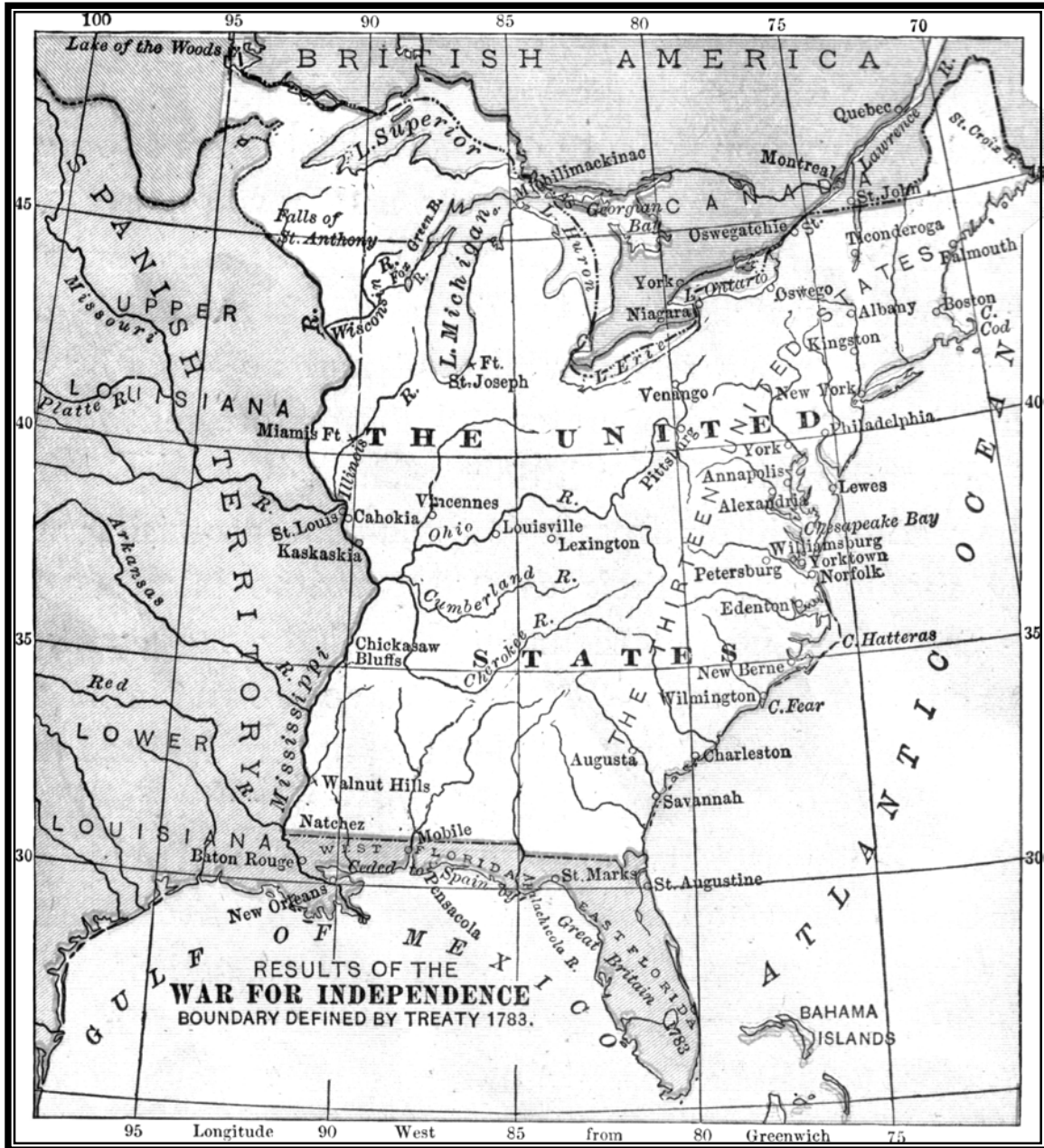


same “religion, language, interests, and affections might prove a bond of permanent union between the two countries.”



The treaty, however, was signed in Paris, on the 3rd of September, 1783. On this occasion Franklin donned the suit of Manchester velvet clothes which he had worn ten years before, when insulted in Parliament, and which he had vowed never to use again until his country was free. By this treaty the seacoast from Maine to Georgia was given up to the United States, together with all the land between the Great Lakes and Florida,