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TREATY OF

AMITY, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION,

HER MAJESTY AND THE ORIENTAL REPUBLICK OF THE URUGUAY, Signed at London, August 26, 1842.

[Ratifications exchanged at London, July 17, 1843.]

ER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Excellency the President of the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay, being desirous of encouraging and extending the commercial intercourse between the British Dominions and the Territory of the Republick; and deeming it meet that the friendly relations which now subsist between the Two States, should be acknowledged and confirmed by the signature of a Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation; Her Britannick Majesty and His Excellency the President of the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay have, for this purpose, named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable George Earl of Aberdeen, Viscount Gordon, Viscount Formartine, Lord Haddo, Methlick, Tarvis and Kellie, a Peer of the United Kingdom, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and the Right Honourable Frederick John Earl of Ripon, Viscount Goderich, a Peer of the United Kingdom, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and President of the Committee of Privy Council for Affairs of Trade and Foreign Plantations;

And His Excellency the President of the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay, Senor Don José Ellauri, His Minister of State and for Foreign Affairs, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republick to Her Britannick Majesty:

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

There shall be perpetual Peace and Amity between the dominions and subjects of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Her Heirs and Successors, and the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay, and its citizens.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be between all the territories of Her Britannick Majesty in Europe and the territories of the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay, a reciprocal freedom of commerce. The subjects and citizens of the two countries respectively, shall have liberty freely and securely to come, with their ships and cargoes, to all places, ports and rivers in the territories aforesaid, to which other foreigners are or may be permitted to come; to enter into the same, and to remain and reside in any part of the said territories respectively; also to hire and occupy houses and warehouses for the purposes of their commerce; and generally, the merchants and traders of each nation shall enjoy, within the territories of the other, the most complete protection and security for their commerce; subject always to the laws and statutes of the land.

In like manner, the respective ships of war and Post Office packets of the two countries, shall have liberty freely and securely to come to all harbours, rivers and places in either country, to which other foreign ships of war and packets are or may be permitted to come; and they shall be allowed to enter into the same, to anchor

and to remain there and refit; subject always to the laws and statutes of the two countries respectively.

It is hereby declared, that the stipulations of the present Article are not to be understood as applying to the navigation and carrying trade between one port and another, situated in the dominions of either contracting party; such navigation and trade being reserved exclusively to national vessels.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be reciprocal liberty of commerce and navigation between and amongst the subjects and citizens of the two High Contracting parties; and the subjects and citizens of the two countries respectively, shall not pay in the ports, harbours, roads cities, towns or places whatsoever in either country, any other or higher duties, taxes or imposts, under whatsoever names designated or included, than those which are there paid by the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation; and the subjects and citizens of each of the High Contracting Parties shall enjoy the same rights, privileges, liberties, favours, immunities and exemptions, in matters of commerce and navigation, that are granted, or may hereafter be granted in either country, to the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation.

No duty of customs or other impost shall be charged upon any goods the produce of one country, upon importation by sea or by land from such country into the other, higher than the duty or impost charged upon goods of the same kind, the produce of, or imported from any other country. And Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay, do hereby bind and engage themselves not to grant any favour, privilege or immunity, in matters of commerce and navigation, to the subjects or citizens of any other State, which shall not be also and at the same time extended to the subjects or citizens of the other High Contracting Party; gratuitously, if the concession in favour of that other State shall have been gratuitous; and on giving as nearly as possible the same compensation or equivalent, in case the concession shall have been conditional.

ARTICLE IV.

No higher or other duties or payments on account of tonnage, light or harbour duties, pilotage, salvage in case of damage or shipwreck, or any local charges, shall be imposed in any of the ports of the one country upon the vessels of the other, than are payable in those ports upon national vessels.

ARTICLE V.

The same duties shall be paid on all articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of Her Britannick Majesty's dominions, when imported into the territories of the Oriental Republick of the Uruguay, whether such article be imported in vessels of the said Republick, or in British Vessels; and the same duties shall be paid on all articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of the said Republick, when imported into the dominions of Her Britannick Majesty, whether such article be imported in British Vessels, or in vessels of the said Rebublick. The same duties shall be paid, and the same bounties and drawbacks allowed, on all articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of Her Britannick Majesty's dominions, when exported to the said Republick of the Uruguay, whether such article be exported in vessels of the said Republick, or in British vessels; and the same duties shall be paid, and the same bounties and drawbacks allowed, on all articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of the said Republick, when exported to the dominions of Her Britannick Majesty, whether such articles be exported in British vessels, or in vessels of the said Republick.

ARTICLE VI.

In order to avoid any misunderstanding with respect to the regu-

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