

DECLARATION between Great Britain and Denmark, relative to the disposal of estates of deceased seamen of the two nations.

(Signed at London, April 11th, 1877).

The Government of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Government of His Majesty the King of Denmark, being desirous to make arrangements as to the disposal of the estates of deceased seamen of the two nations in certain cases, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I.

If any British seaman dies on board a Danish ship, or whilst serving on board a Danish ship, within Danish territory; or if, on the other hand, any Danish seaman dies on board a British vessel or whilst serving on board a British vessel within British territory, the Governments of Denmark and of Great Britain respectively shall provide as far as possible for the protection, without loss or injury, of any estate belonging to such deceased seaman.

In the case of a British seaman dying as aforesaid, the Danish Government shall cause the estate, if not exceeding 50% in value, to be delivered, as soon as possible after the decease, to the British Consul at the Danish port where the decease occurs; or if the decease does not occur, at a Danish port, but on Danish territory, to the British Consul nearest to the place where such decease occurs, or where the estate may be; or if such decease occurs at sea on board a Danish vessel, to the British Consul at the first Danish port at which the vessel arrives after such decease.

In the case of a Danish seaman dying, as aforesaid, his estate, if not exceeding 50% in value, shall, subject to the provision contained in Article II, be delivered by the British Government, as soon as possible, to the Danish Consul of the district to which the vessel may belong.

When the estate exceeds 50% in value, in the event of there being no person at hand who, within the period of six months, proves to be rightfully entitled to administer to the estate of the deceased seaman, the Consuls-General or Consuls of either State in whose jurisdiction such decease shall take place, shall, subject to the provision contained in Article II, have the power to take possession of and administer to the estate of such deceased seaman.

If any British seaman, whilst serving on board a Danish ship, dies within British territory; or if, on the other hand, any Danish seaman, whilst serving on board a British ship, dies within Danish territory,—then the estate (if any) belonging to such deceased seaman shall, after deducting the expenses incurred, be paid over to the nearest Consul of the nation to which the ship belongs, in order that he may cause it to be, under observation of the aforesaid regulations, delivered to the competent authority in the country of the deceased seaman.

In the event of a seaman of one nation serving on board a ship of the other nation, and dying in the territory of a third nation, any estate of such deceased seaman (which may have been received by the Consul at the port where such death may have taken place of the nation to which the ship belongs) shall, after deducting the expenses incurred, be paid over to the Consul of the other nation at the same port.

In cases where a deceased seaman has signed articles either as a Danish or as a British subject, as the case may be, but the Government into whose possession his estate comes is not satisfied of his nationality, that Government shall equally protect his estate, and shall send an account of it, and its value, and of all information in the possession of that Government relating to the deceased, to the other Government as soon as possible, and shall deliver the estate to the other Government immediately on receiving its assurance that there is no doubt that the deceased was a subject of it.

ARTICLE II.

If the deceased shall have served in the Royal Navy of Great Britain, any assets which may be payable by the British Admiralty shall be dealt with according to the law of Great Britain.

ARTICLE III.

The term "seaman" in this Declaration includes every person (except masters and pilots) employed or engaged in

any capacity on board any merchant ship, or who has been so employed or engaged within six months before his death, and every person (not being a Commissioned, Warrant, or Subordinate Officer, or Assistant Engineer) borne on the books of, or forming part of the complement of any public ship of war.

The term "estate" includes all "property, wages due, money, and other effects" left by a deceased seaman on board a ship.

The term "Consul" includes Consul-General, Consul, and Vice Consul, and every person for the time being discharging the duties of Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul.

In witness whereof, the undersigned have signed the present Declaration, which shall come immediately into operation, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at London, this eleventh day of April, 1877.

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J. v. BULOW.

(No. 74.)

CROWN LAND OFFICE, July 19th, 1877.

MINING LICENSES on Crown Land in the County of Albert, agreeably to the following Regulations, will be offered for sale at this Office, at noon, on the 22nd day of next month:—

1. Every Mining License shall be exempted from Royalty on Coal and all other Minerals, except Gold and Silver, for ten years from the date thereof.

2. That the right of Mining for the term of twenty five years, within a tract not exceeding five square miles, as may be applied for within any County, shall be put up at a fixed rent of twenty cents per chaldron on Coal, and five per cent. on the value of all other Minerals, including Gold and Silver, raised or dug, to be paid on the first day of January, April, July, and October, in each year, to the Receiver General, or an Agent to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; provided that such Royalty shall not be exacted during the continuance of the Lease, if the Lessee or his Assigns shall make it appear on oath to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that the profits of the undertaking, over and above reasonable expenses, and the Royalty to the Crown, do not exceed six per cent. on the capital invested; and provided also, that the Lessee or Assignee shall furnish to the Receiver General, or such Agent as aforesaid, quarterly, at the days above named, statements on oath of the quantity of Coal raised, and the value of all other Minerals raised or dug.

3. That the upset preference price shall be Twenty Dollars per square mile.

4. That the preference money be paid by the purchaser immediately upon the lot being bid off, after which other lots will, if applied for in the same County, be offered for sale in like manner. The first purchaser shall be required to select his ground within twelve months after day of sale. The second purchaser within twelve months and ten days, and so on; each purchaser being allowed ten days more than his predecessor.

5. That the Lease contain a covenant for renewal, or that the Crown may resume possession and take the improvements at a valuation to be made by Arbitrators appointed, one by the Surveyor General, and one by the Lessee or his Assigns. In case the Lessee or his Assigns fail to appoint an Arbitrator within ten days after being required by written notice served upon the Lessee or his Assigns, if in the Province, or after publication of such notice for one month in the *Royal Gazette*, then the Surveyor General shall have the power to appoint two Arbitrators; such Arbitrators appointed in either case aforesaid, shall select a third, the award of any two of whom shall be final.

6. That if the Lessee shall not actually raise Coal or other Minerals to the value of four hundred dollars from his ground within any one year, (the first five years excepted) during the continuance of his Lease, the same shall become forfeited.

7. Mining Leases heretofore issued and not now liable to forfeiture may be surrendered, and Leases in lieu thereof issued in accordance with these Regulations, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, that Mining operations have not been profitably conducted under previous License.

BENJ. R. STEVENSON, *Sur. Gen.*

CROWN LAND OFFICE, August 6th, 1877.

MINING LICENSES on Crown Land in the County of St. John, agreeably to the following Regulations, will be offered for sale at this Office, at noon, on the 5th day of next month:—

1. Every Mining License shall be exempted from Royalty on Coal and all other Minerals, except Gold and Silver, for ten years from the date thereof.

2. That the right of Mining for the term of twenty five years, within a tract not exceeding five square miles, as may be applied for within any County, shall be put up at a fixed rent of twenty cents per chaldron on Coal, and five per cent. on the value of all other Minerals, including Gold and Silver, raised or dug, to be paid on the first day of January, April, July, and October, in each year, to the Receiver General, or an Agent to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; provided that such Royalty shall not be exacted during the continuance of the