

If the Sublime Porte should think it absolutely necessary to carry the demolition of the Mussulman quarter a little further than the aforesaid line, the mixed Military Commission, which forms the subject of Article V, will have to take the question into consideration and decide upon it. If there should be any Non-Mussulman houses in this space, the Ottoman Government will indemnify the proprietors, and will of course undertake to indemnify all those expropriated persons who are under their direct jurisdiction.

With regard to the exclusively Servian quarter, the Ottoman Government, which would not think of touching the religious edifices, such as the Cathedral, the University, and the Bishop's Palace, nor the Mercantile quarter, will negotiate in a friendly manner with the Prince's Government for the purchase of certain houses which competent judges may declare absolutely necessary to complete the esplanade in that direction, and will take care to facilitate the consent of the proprietors by the offer of liberal compensation.

No building of any kind whatever shall remain or be built in future upon the ground of this esplanade, which shall remain the exclusive property of the Turkish Government. Nobody shall reside there, even temporarily.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Servian Government shall take care to restore, in kind or in value, all moveables left by the Mussulmans in their houses or shops when they retired to the citadel. If, at the time of the disturbances which then occurred, any Servian suffered any losses of the same nature by the act of the Mussulmans, he will be indemnified by the Ottoman Government.

The two Governments will come to a confidential and friendly understanding as to the mode of such restitution and of the indemnity in question.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The Sublime Porte, firmly resolved to maintain all its rights without ever exceeding them, protests that there is not the least foundation for the apprehension that the citadel of Belgrade, destined for the defence of the country, can be considered as the means for infringing the immunities granted to Servia by the Sultans, and guaranteed by treaties. Its paternal feeling towards the Principality excludes any desire to exercise any pressure on the Prince's Government, or any intimidation towards the population. As a proof of its intentions, the Sublime Porte has not hesitated to communicate to the Conference the instructions which it has prepared, and which will hereafter form the inviolable rule, for the conduct of the Governors of Belgrade.

The Representatives, in placing upon record the engagement resulting from this communication, are happy to state that those instructions prove to the Powers that the Sublime Porte has no intention of giving a threatening character to the armaments of the ramparts, on the town side towards the town, nor to make use of the guns on that side, except in a case of the most necessary and legitimate defence; and even in such a case, faithful to the feelings of humanity with which it is ever animated, the Sublime Porte will never permit that devastation should be intentionally carried into the heart of a rich and populous town whose interests are so closely united with its own.

The Sublime Porte, moreover, does not doubt that the Servians will scrupulously guard against the citadel being placed, by acts of hostility, under the painful necessity of repelling force by force. The Sublime Porte has no difficulty in adding, that while resolved to examine the actual state of the ramparts of the citadel, in order that they may be restored and placed on a satisfactory footing of defence, it will equally cause an examination to be made into the question whether the more advanced works on the southern side could be advantageously modified without endangering the security of the fortress and its efficient state of defence, which, in any case, it cannot allow to be diminished.

#### ARTICLE V.

The new circuit of the esplanade shall be marked out by a Mixed Military Commission, composed of an officer named by each of the guaranteeing Powers, and of an officer named by the Ottoman Government. This Commission will avail itself of all local information which may assist it in resolving this question; it shall make its report to the Sublime Porte, which will receive favourably any observations which the Servian Government may think right to submit to it on this subject. The Conference would feel pleasure if the Sublime Porte were to take advantage of the opinion of this Commission in the examination which forms the subject of the last part of the preceding Article.

A Civil Mixed Commission, composed of members named by the Ottoman Government and the Servian Government, shall decide all the questions of expropriation and of indemnity, which are contemplated in the present arrangement, except those only which can be discussed between the Turkish Government and the proprietors who are under its direct jurisdiction. This Commission shall conclude its labours within the space of four months.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The Sublime Porte wishing to maintain in the Principality of Servia only the number of fortified points which seem to her really necessary for the security of the Ottoman Empire, has devoted itself to an attentive examination of this question, and has pleasure in declaring to the Conference that her intention is to demolish from this time, from among the fortresses which belong to her, those of Sokol and Ujitzza, which shall never be restored without the mutual consent of the Sublime Porte and the Servian Government. The Porte looks upon the maintenance of the fortresses of Feth-Islam, of Chubutz, and of Semendria, as indispensable to the general system of defence of Turkey.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Not wishing to exercise the rights which belong to her in the Principality of Servia beyond the limits which her own security demands, the Sublime Porte will maintain in the fortified points which she occupies there, whether at Belgrade or at Feth-Islam, Semendria, and Chubutz, only garrisons proportionate to the extent of these places, and to the real requirements of their defence.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

The Sublime Porte engages to take immediate measures, in concert with the Servian Government, so that all the Mussulman inhabitants