

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 23, 1866.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs copies of a Public Act and its *Annexes*, signed at Galatz by the European Commission of the Danube on the 2d November last, and of which, together with the Protocol relating to it, the following is a translation :—

PROTOCOL.

Conference of 1866.—Sitting of 28th March.

PRESENT: The Plenipotentiaries of Austria, France, Great Britain, Italy, Prussia, Russia, and Turkey.

The Secretary of the Conference.

THE European Commission, constituted in accordance with Art. 16 of the Treaty signed at Paris on the 30th March 1856, having effected the improvement of the navigation of the Lower Danube by means of certain important works which they have caused to be executed, and having provided regulations for the different services attached thereto, the Plenipotentiaries have accorded to their Delegates in the said Commission full powers to determine, by an international Act, the duties and obligations arising under existing circumstances.

In consequence, a Public Act was signed by them at Galatz on the 2d November 1865, on eight originals, of which one has been deposited with the Archives of the European Commission, and the others despatched by the Commissioners to their respective Governments.

The French Plenipotentiary presented to the Conference one of the originals of the Public Act.

After consideration of this Act, and of the two *Annexes* A and B, which form an integral portion of it, and of the Arrangement relating to the sums advanced by the Sublime Porte to the European Commission, which also forms a portion, the Conference gives its consent and sanction to the provisions which the Act contains.

It is agreed at the same time, in order to amend an accidental omission, that Article 5 of the Regulation of the 21st November 1864 (*Annexe A*), shall be as follows :—

“ Merchant Captains of whatever nationality, are required to observe the orders given to them in virtue of the present Regulations, whether by the Inspector-General or by the Captain of the Port of Soulina.

“ They are equally bound to declare to them, if demanded, their names, nationality, and the names of their vessel, and to produce their ship's roll, without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 10, 17, and 65, which follow.”

A special instruction, issued by the European Commission, regulates in detail the functions of these two agents.

It is moreover agreed that in the first sections of the Article 98 of the same Regulation, the word “ Article 4 ” shall be replaced by the word “ Article 5.”

Each of the contracting parties, in officially making known the Public Act and its *Annexes*, will have regard to the preceding modifications.

The present Protocol has been drawn up, and signed in original in duplicate; one copy, as in the case of the other Protocols, shall remain

attached to the Acts of the Conference; the other has been officially presented to the Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the Sultan, and shall be by the said Plenipotentiary forwarded to Constantinople to be used as, and to take the place of, the European Ratification provided for by Article 22 of the Public Act.

Done at Paris the 28th March 1866.

(Signed)

DROUYN DE L'HUYS.
COWLEY.
BUDBERG.
PRINCE DE METTERNICH.
NIGRA.
GOLTZ.
SAFVET.

PUBLIC ACT relating to the Navigation of the Mouths of the Danube.

Signed at Galatz, 2d of November 1865.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF THE DANUBE.

Protocol of the Sitting of the 26th October 1865.

PRESENT,

For Austria . M. LE CHEVALIER DE KREMER.
” France . M. ENGELHARDT.
” Great Britain Mr STOKES.
” Italy . M. LE CHEVALIER STRAMBIO.
” Prussia . M. SAINT-PIERRE.
” Russia . M. LE BARON D'OFFENBERG.
” Turkey . AHMET RASSIM PACHA.

The undersigned Commissioners, after referring to the Protocol closed on the 2d December 1861 (No. CXL), and to the Protocol of the sitting of the 17th October 1862 (No. CXLIX), have definitively decided, on the basis of instructions which each of them had received from his Government, upon the text of the project of Convention with respect to the navigation of the mouths of the Danube, which has been the object of a common agreement in the preceding negotiations.

After which they read the Act in question, together with its two *Annexes*, that is to say :—

1st. The Public Act, or principal instrument of the Convention relative to the navigation of the mouths of the Danube.

2. *Annexe* A, with reference to the regulation of navigation and police applicable to the Lower Danube.

3. *Annexe* B, with reference to the tariff of navigation dues to be levied at the mouth of the river.

These Acts having been acknowledged to be in conformity with the bases agreed upon between the Governments interested, the undersigned Commissioners have initialed them, and fixed a future sitting for the appending of their signatures.

Done at Galatz, the twenty-sixth day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

(Signed)

A. DE KREMER.
ED. ENGELHARDT.
J. STOKES.
STRAMBIO.
SAINT-PIERRE.
OFFENBERG.
AHMET RASSIM.