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TREATY of Peace, Friendship, and Commerce, between Her Majesty and the Queen of Madagascar.

Signed, in the English and Malagasy Languages, at Antananarivo, June 27, 1865.

[Ratifications exchanged at Antananarivo, July 5, 1866.]

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Her Majesty Rasoharina Manjaka, Queen of Madagascar, being desirous of concluding a Treaty of Peace and Friendship, and to regulate thereby the commercial intercourse between their respective subjects and dominions, the following Articles have for that purpose been mutually agreed upon and signed between Thomas Conolly Pakenham, Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul in Madagascar, duly authorized to that effect on the part of Her Britannic Majesty, and by his Excellency Rainimaharavo, Sixteenth Honor, Chief Secretary of State; Andriantsitohaina, Sixteenth Honor; Ravahatra, Chief Judge; and Rafaralahibemalo, Head of the Civilians, duly authorized to that effect on the part of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar:—

ARTICLE I.

Peace, friendship, and good understanding shall from henceforward and for ever subsist between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, and between their respective heirs, successors, and subjects.

ARTICLE II.

The subjects of Her Britannic Majesty shall have full liberty to enter into, rent or lease houses or lands in, trade with, and pass with their merchandize through, all parts of the dominions of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, which are under the control of a Governor duly appointed by the Malagasy authorities, except Ambohima-manga, Ambohimambola, and Amparafavato; and they shall enjoy therein all the privileges and advantages with regard to commerce, or with regard to any other matter whatsoever, which are now, or may hereafter be granted to, or allowed to be enjoyed by, the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation; and the subjects of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar shall in like manner be at liberty to enter into, rent or lease houses or

land in, trade with, and pass with their merchandize through, all parts of Her Britannic Majesty's dominions, as freely as the subjects of the most favoured nation, and they shall enjoy in those dominions all the privileges and advantages with regard to commerce, or with regard to any other matter whatever, which are now, or may hereafter be granted to, or allowed to be enjoyed by, the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation.

ARTICLE III.

British subjects in the dominions of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar shall be allowed freely to exercise and teach the Christian religion, and to erect and maintain suitable places of worship. Such places of worship, with their lands and appurtenances, shall however be recognized as the property of the Queen of Madagascar, who shall permit them to be applied for ever to the special purposes for which they shall have been built. They shall, in the profession, exercise, and teaching of their religion, receive the protection of the Queen and her officers, and shall not be persecuted or interfered with.

Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, from her friendship for Her Britannic Majesty, promises to grant full religious liberty to all her subjects, and not to persecute or molest any subjects or natives of Madagascar on account of their embracing or exercising the Christian religion. But should any of her subjects professing Christianity be found guilty of any criminal offence, the action of the law of the land shall not be interfered with.

ARTICLE IV.

The Queen of Madagascar engages to receive a British Agent at her capital; and Her Britannic Majesty, in like manner, engages to receive at the Mauritius, or at London, an Agent of the Queen of Madagascar.

Each Contracting Party may appoint Consuls for the protection of trade to reside in the dominions of the other.

Such Agents and Consuls shall enjoy in the respective dominions the same rights and privileges which are or may be there granted to Agents of the same rank of the most favoured nation.

ARTICLE V.

British subjects shall be permitted, as fully the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nation

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