

PORTUGAL.

*Convention between Great Britain and Portugal, signed at Vienna 21st January 1815, in the English and Portuguese Languages.*

In the Name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

HIS Britannick Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal, being equally desirous to terminate amicably all the doubts which have arisen relative to the parts of the coast of Africa with which the subjects of the Crown of Portugal, under the laws of that kingdom and the Treaty subsisting with His Britannick Majesty, may lawfully carry on a Trade in Slaves; and whereas several ships, the property of the said subjects of Portugal, have been detained and condemned, upon the alledged ground of being engaged in an illicit traffic in Slaves; and whereas His Britannick Majesty in order to give to His intimate and faithful Ally the Prince Regent of Portugal, the most unequivocal proof of His friendship, and the regard He pays to His Royal Highness's reclamations, and in consideration of regulations to be made by the Prince Regent of Portugal for avoiding hereafter such doubts, is desirous to adopt the most speedy and effectual measures, and without the delays incident to the ordinary forms of law, to provide a liberal indemnity for the parties whose property may have been so detained under the doubts as aforesaid; in furtherance of the said object, the High Contracting Parties have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries, viz.; His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable Robert Stewart Viscount Castlereagh, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of His said Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia of Londonderry, His said Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and His Plenipotentiary at the Congress of Vienna; and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal, the Most Illustrious and Most Excellent Dom Pedro de Sousa Holstein Count of Palmella, a Member of His Royal Highness's Council, Commander of the Order of Christ, Captain of a Company of the Royal German Life Guard; the Most Illustrious and Most Excellent Anthony de Saldanha da Gama, a Member of His Royal Highness's Council, and of His Council of Finance, Commander of the Military Order of St. Benedict of Aviz; and Dom Joachim Lobo de Silveira, Member of His Council, and Commander of the Order of Christ, His Plenipotentiaries at the Congress of Vienna; who, having mutually exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE I.

That the sum of three hundred thousand pounds be paid in London to such person as the Prince Regent of Portugal may appoint to receive the same; which sum shall constitute a Fund to be employed under such regulations, and in such manner as the said Prince Regent of Portugal may direct, in discharge of claims for Portuguese ships detained by British cruizers previous to the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, upon the alledged ground of carrying on an illicit traffic in Slaves.

ARTICLE II.

That the said sum shall be considered to be in full discharge of all claims arising out of captures made previous to the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen; His Britannick Majesty renouncing any interference whatever in the disposal of this money.

ARTICLE III.

The present Convention shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged in the space of five months, or sooner, if possible.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed it, and have thereunto affixed the seals of their arms.

Done at Vienna this twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

(Signed)

(L. S.) CASTLEREAGH.

(L. S.) CONDE DE PALMELLA.

(L. S.) ANTONIO DE SALDANHA DA GAMA.

(L. S.) B. JOAQUIM LOBO DE SILVEIRA.

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*Treaty between Great Britain and Portugal, signed at Vienna the 22d of January 1815, in the English and Portuguese Languages.*

In the Name of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

HIS Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal having, by the tenth Article of the Treaty of Alliance, concluded at Riode Janeiro on the 19th February 1810, declared His determination to cooperate with His Britannick Majesty in the cause of humanity and justice, by adopting the most efficacious means for bringing about a gradual Abolition of the Slave Trade; and His Royal Highness, in pursuance of His said Declaration, and desiring to effectuate, in concert with His Britannick Majesty and the other Powers of Europe, who have been induced to assist in this benevolent object, an immediate abolition of the said traffic upon the parts of the coast of Africa which are situated to the northward of the Line; His Britannick Majesty and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal, equally animated by a sincere desire to accelerate the moment when the blessings of peaceful industry and an innocent commerce may be encouraged throughout this extensive portion of the Continent of Africa, by its being delivered from the evils of the Slave Trade, have agreed to enter into a Treaty for the said purpose, and have accordingly named as their Plenipotentiaries; viz. His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable Robert Stewart Viscount Castlereagh, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of His said Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Colonel of the Regiment of Militia of Londonderry, His said Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and His Plenipotentiary at the Congress of Vienna; and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Portugal, the Most Illustrious and Most Excellent Dom Pedro da