

It is understood that the six preceding Articles shall be embodied *verbatim* into a Convention, which shall receive the signatures of the undersigned Representatives, as soon as they are furnished with full powers from their Sovereigns, but that the stipulations of this Protocol will come immediately into force.

The Chargé d'Affaires of Prussia, however, points out that the present distribution of the Prussian ships of war may possibly not permit his Government to co-operate at present in the execution of Article IV.

Done in sextuplicate, at Paris, the 3rd of August, 1860.

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Protocole d'une Conférence tenu au Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, le 3 Août, 1860.

LES Plénipotentiaires de la Grande Bretagne, de l'Autriche, de la France, de la Prusse, de la Russie, et de la Turquie, désirant établir, conformément aux intentions de leurs Cours respectives, le véritable caractère du concours prêté à la Sublime Porte, aux termes du Protocole signé ce même jour, les sentiments qui leur ont dicté les clauses de cet Acte, et leur entier désintéressement, déclarent de la manière la plus formelle, que les Puissances Contractantes n'entendent poursuivre, ni ne poursuivront, dans l'exécution de leurs engagements, aucun avantage territorial, aucune influence exclusive, ni aucune concession touchant le commerce de leurs sujets, et qui ne pourrait être accordée aux sujets de toutes les autres nations.

Néanmoins, ils ne peuvent s'empêcher, en rappelant ici les Actes émanés de Sa Majesté le Sultan, dont l'Article IX du Traité du 30 Mars, 1856, a constaté la haute valeur, d'exprimer le prix que leurs Cours respectives attachent à ce que, conformément aux promesses solennelles de la Sublime Porte, il soit adopté des mesures administratives sérieuses pour l'amélioration du sort des populations Chrétiennes de tout rite dans l'Empire Ottoman.

Le Plénipotentiaire de Turquie prend acte de cette déclaration des Représentants des Hautes Puissances, et se charge de la transmettre à sa Cour, en faisant observer que la Sublime Porte a employé, et continuera à employer, ses efforts dans le sens du vœu exprimé ci-dessus.

Fait à Paris, le 3 Août, 1860, en six expéditions.

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(Translation.)

Protocol of a Conference held at the Department of Foreign Affairs, August 3, 1860.

THE Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, Austria, France, Prussia, Russia, and Turkey, desirous of establishing, in conformity with the in-

tentions of their respective Courts, the true character of the assistance afforded to the Sublime Porte by the provisions of the Protocol signed this day, the feelings which have dictated the clauses of this Act, and their perfect disinterestedness, declare in the most formal manner, that the Contracting Powers do not intend to seek for, and will not seek for, in the execution of their engagements, any territorial advantages, any exclusive influence, or any concession with regard to the commerce of their subjects, such as could not be granted to the subjects of all other nations.

Nevertheless, in recalling here the Acts issued by His Majesty the Sultan, the great importance of which was established by Article IX of the Treaty of the 30th of March, 1856, they cannot refrain from expressing the value which their respective Courts attach to the fulfilment of the solemn promises of the Sublime Porte, that serious administrative measures should be taken to ameliorate the condition of the Christian population, of every creed, in the Ottoman Empire.

The Plenipotentiary of Turkey takes note of this declaration of the Representatives of the High Powers, and undertakes to transmit it to his Court; pointing out that the Sublime Porte has employed, and will continue to employ, her efforts in the sense of the wish expressed above.

Done, in sextuplicate, at Paris, the 3rd of August, 1860.

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Windsor Castle, October 24, 1860.

This day had audience of Her Majesty:

Hassan Ali Khan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Shah of Persia, to take leave;

And His Excellency Mirza Djaaser Khan, Ambassador Extraordinary from His Majesty the Shah of Persia, to deliver his credentials;

To which audiences they were respectively introduced by the Right Honourable Lord John Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

India Office, October 26, 1860.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Samuel Laing, Esq., to be the Fourth Ordinary Member of the Council of the Governor-General of India.

War-Office, Pall-Mall,

26th October, 1860.

1st Regiment of Dragoons, Ensign James Henry Herbert Croft, from the 29th Foot, to be Cornet, vice Harvey, promoted, Dated 26th October, 1860.