

in any lawful manner to purchase, rent, or lease land, houses, warehouses, and all other kinds of property within 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. They shall be at liberty to build on land purchased, rented, or leased by them, houses of any material they please, except of stone or clay at the capital of Madagascar, and other towns where such buildings are forbidden by the laws of the country; and Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar engages that British subjects shall, as far as lies in her power, equally with her own subjects, enjoy within her dominions, full and complete protection and security for themselves and for any property which they may so acquire in future, or which they may have acquired already before the date of the present Treaty.

British subjects may freely engage in their service, in any capacity whatever, any native of Madagascar, not a slave or a soldier, who may be free from any previous engagement. Leases, contracts of sale or purchase of houses or lands in Madagascar, and engagements of labourers, may be executed by deeds signed before the British Consul and the local authorities. All such engagements, however, are liable to be determined by mutual consent, should the services of persons so engaged be required by the Queen, or on their own application, after due notice.

No domiciliary visits shall be made to the establishments, houses, or properties possessed or occupied by British subjects, unless by the consent of the occupants, or in concert with the British Consul.

In the absence, however, of any Consular officer, the local authorities may enter, after giving due notice to the occupants, whenever it is certainly known that stolen property or persons escaping from justice are concealed on the premises.

No British subjects residing in Madagascar shall have the right of entering the house of any subject of the Queen of Madagascar against the will of the occupant.

ARTICLE VI.

Munitions of war shall be imported by the Queen of Madagascar alone into her dominions; but save the said munitions of war, no article whatever shall be prohibited from being imported into the territories of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar; nor shall any article whatever be prohibited from being exported therefrom, except munitions of war, and the following articles which are forbidden by the law of Madagascar to be exported, namely, timber and cows.

The trade between the dominions of Her Britannic Majesty and the dominions of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar shall be perfectly free, subject to a duty not exceeding ten per cent.

A Tariff of such duties shall be drawn up by the British Consul and by a person or persons commissioned by Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, and shall be submitted for the approval of Her Britannic Majesty.

Such Tariff shall be drawn up and published within one year after the exchange of the ratifications of the present Treaty.

In case any article of produce or merchandize should be inadvertently omitted from such Tariff, the duty levied on such article shall be calculated

at the market value of the merchandize at the period at which the Tariff was framed.

No prohibition shall apply to any article imported or exported by British subjects or vessels, unless the prohibition apply equally to the subjects and vessels of every other foreign nation.

ARTICLE VII.

Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar agrees that no duty exceeding ten per cent. shall be levied on the exportation from Her Majesty's dominions of any article, the growth, produce, or manufacture of those dominions.

ARTICLE VIII.

No duties of tonnage, harbour, pilotage, lighthouse, quarantine, or other local dues, shall be imposed in the ports of the dominions of either country upon the vessels of the other country, from whatever place arriving, or whatever may be their place of destination, which shall not equally be imposed in the like cases on national vessels or on vessels of the most favoured nation.

ARTICLE IX.

Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar engages to permit the ships of war of Her Britannic Majesty freely to enter into the military ports, rivers, and creeks situated within her dominions, and to allow such ships to provide themselves, at a fair and moderate price, with such supplies, stores, and provisions as they may from time to time stand in need of.

No subject of the Queen of Madagascar shall be permitted to embark on board any British ship, except such as shall have received a passport from the Malagash authorities.

The rights of Sovereignty shall in all cases be respected in the dominions of the one Sovereign by the subjects of the other.

ARTICLE X.

If any vessels under the British flag should be wrecked on the coast of the dominions of the Queen of Madagascar, which are under the control of a Governor duly appointed by the Malagasy authorities, Her Majesty engages to give them all the assistance in her power, and to secure them from plunder, as well as to recover for and to deliver over to the owners thereof all the property which can be saved from such vessels. Her Majesty further engages to do all in her power to extend to the officers and crew, and to all other persons on board such wrecked vessels, full protection both as to their persons and as to their property.

ARTICLE XI.

Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar agrees that in all cases where a British subject shall be accused of any crime committed in any part of her dominions, the person so accused shall be exclusively tried and adjudged by the British Consul or other officer duly appointed for that purpose by Her Britannic Majesty. But any British subject whom the British Consul or other officer shall find to have been guilty of having openly offended against the laws of Madagascar shall be liable to be banished from the country.

In all cases where disputes or differences shall arise within the dominions of the Queen of Madagascar between British subjects and the