

Royal Audience Hall, and with due reverences advanced to a table near the Throne in the following order :—

Her Majesty's Envoy, His Excellency Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson,
wearing the Riband, Badge, and Star of the Most Distinguished Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George.

Mr. Ernest W. Howard,
Private Secretary to the Envoy,
carrying the Statutes.

The Hon. Major McNair, R.A.,
Member of Council,
Secretary to the Mission,
carrying the Riband and Badge.

Captain James Mead, R.N.,
H.M.S. "Modeste,"
carrying the Collar.

Lieut. John D. Nicholls, R.N.,
H.M.S. "Modeste."

Doctor T. Irvine Rowell, M.D.,
Principal Civil Medical
Officer, S.S.

Lieut. R. S. F. Walker,
Her Majesty's 28th Regiment,
A.D.C. to His Excellency
the Envoy.

Lieut. The Hon. Spring-Rice,
R.N.,
H.M.S. "Modeste."

Lieut. F. R. Rhodes, R.E.,
Extra A.D.C. to
His Excellency the Envoy.

Sub-Lieut. E. J. Bain, R.N.,
H.M.S. "Modeste."

The Mission was received by the King standing, surrounded by the Princes, the Ministers of State, and the Great Officers of the Court.

Those of the Mission who bore the Insignia placed them in a salver on the table, while the Court Speaker announced the presence of Her Majesty's Envoy.

Her Majesty's Envoy then made an address to His Majesty declaratory of the object of the Mission.

The Secretary to the Mission then read Her Majesty's Warrant, authorising His Excellency Sir William Cleaver Francis Robinson to invest His Majesty the King of Siam, in Her Majesty's name and behalf, with the Ensigns of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, which was also read out in Siamese by the Court Speaker.

Her Majesty's Envoy, with the Officers carrying the Insignia and Statutes, then advanced to the Throne, and His Majesty descended to the platform, to enable the Envoy to attach the Star to His Majesty's breast.

His Majesty was next invested with the Riband and Badge of the Order, the Secretary to the Mission reading the admonition. The Collar was then handed to His Majesty, who, assisted by the Envoy, placed it over his head, it being contrary to Siamese etiquette for any one to pass his hand over the head of the King.

The Envoy then presented to His Majesty the Statutes of the Order.

The ceremony of the Investiture being thus completed, His Majesty read an address, expressing his gratification on his admission to the Order, which was handed to Her Majesty's Envoy.

His Majesty then addressed a few words to the Envoy of welcome to his country, to which His Excellency made suitable replies.

His Majesty, then bowing to the Mission and the Princes, Ministers, and Officers of the Court, withdrew.

Her Majesty's Envoy and Suite then shook hands with the Princes and Members of the Royal Family, and were re-conducted to the Royal Carriages by the Court Speaker.

On passing the Inner Court of the Palace the band played "Rule Britannia," and on Her Majesty's Envoy entering the carriage the band again played the English National Anthem.

On the 24th November Her Majesty's Envoy, Lady Robinson, and Members of the Mission proceeded in the Royal Carriages to the Palace at seven P.M., and were entertained at a dinner, at which the King (His Majesty wearing the Riband and Star of the Order), the Royal Princes, his brothers, the Ministers of State, and great Officers of the Court were present.

On the 25th Her Majesty's Envoy, Lady Robinson, and Suite, had a special audience of His Majesty, and after witnessing a procession of the Royal Barges, at which His Majesty was present, Her Majesty's Envoy, Lady Robinson, and Suite took final leave.

On the 26th Her Majesty's Envoy and Suite re-embarked on board H.M.S. "Modeste," on return to Singapore.

J. F. A. McNAIR,
Secretary to the Mission.

AT the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
the 30th day of December, 1878.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 37th year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 88, intituled "The Slave Trade Act, 1876," it was, amongst other things, provided that, where any Treaty in relation to the Slave Trade is made after the passing of that Act, by or on behalf of Her Majesty with any Foreign State, Her Majesty

may, by Order in Council direct that as from such date, not being earlier than the date of the Treaty as may be specified in the Order, such Treaty shall be deemed to be an existing Slave Trade Treaty within the meaning of the Act, and it was further provided that thereupon (as from the said date, or, if no date should be specified, as from the date of such Order) all the provisions of the Act should apply and be construed accordingly.

And whereas on the 4th day of August in the year 1877 a Treaty or Convention for the suppression of the Slave Trade was concluded between Her Majesty's Government and the Government