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**C**ORRESPONDENCE respecting Mashonaland and the Nyassa and Shiré districts:—

No. 1.

Mr. Petre to the Marquis of Salisbury.—  
(Received November 20.)

My Lord, *Lisbon, November 16, 1889.*

I TRANSMIT to your Lordship the translation of the Royal Decree, dated the 7th instant, establishing a new district, under the name of Zumbo.

I have, &c..  
(Signed) GEORGE G. PETRE.

Inclosure in No. 1.

Extract from the "Diario do Governo" of  
November 9, 1889.

(Translation.)

WHEREAS it is a matter of great importance to the interests of the Portuguese nation to consolidate the dominion and sovereignty which it already holds in the interior of the African Continent, and to cause it to irradiate to the various points where its influence preponderates in such a manner as to secure the greatest success for the great work of humanity—the civilization of Africa, in which this country has long been engaged;

Whereas it is necessary for this purpose to establish certain strongholds and centres of official action in order to afford to lawful trade such protection as it may require for its development, and at the same time to oppose certain Slave Trade and slavery practices that are still prevalent among the pagan and barbarous tribes of the wilds in the interior;

Whereas the ancient village of Zumbo, on the left bank of Zambesi, naturally presents itself as an appropriate place for the seat of a new district in the province of Mozambique, in view not only of the mildness of its climate and the fertility and richness of the territories which surround it, but also by the extensive network of navigable rivers of which it is the centre, such as the Upper Zambesi and its great affluents, the Cafucué and North Aruangua;

In view of the representations made to me upon this matter by the Governor-General of the said province;

With the advice of the Board for the Colonies and the Council of Ministers;

Availing myself of the powers granted to the Government in the first paragraph of the 15th

Article of the First Additional Act to the Constitutional Charter of the Monarchy;

I hereby decree:

Art. 1. A new district is established in the province of Mozambique under the name of Zumbo, its capital being the village of the same name.

Art. 2. The new district of Zumbo—which is in virtue of this decree separated from Tete—is bounded by the course of the Rivers Bissombo and North Aruangua from the point of confluence of the first named river as far as the nearest point to the Cabeceiras do Luangua along the course of this river till the Zambesi, and from the Zambesi until the spot where it is joined by the River Mussengueji; thenceforward the frontier of the new district is formed by the said River Mussengueji as far as its source along the line of division formed by the waters of the Rivers Panhame and Luia, and by the bed of the Mazura until it meets the frontier of the district of Manica, coinciding with the same as far as the point in which the Mazura meet the River Save; it then follows the bed of this river on the upper side, and it thence proceeds to Cabeceiras do Monfuli, alongside the bed of the latter as well as that of the Sanhati as far as the Zambesi, through which it continues to the westward.

Art. 3. The provisional staff of the district is as follows:—

A Governor (an officer of the army or navy); a Secretary (a Lieutenant or Ensign); an officer of the navy, in charge of the river service; a Commander of the forces (an Ensign); a medical officer with a diploma of one of the schools of medicine of Portugal; a missionary priest; two sergeants; two corporals; twelve privates; two trumpeters; a storekeeper in charge of the military stores, &c.; and also the force of sepoys that may be necessary.

Art. 4. The regular forces shall be employed as the Governor may determine, and the sepoys are bound to render any assistance the Governor may require not only for the defence of the district but for the conveyance of merchandize and of the post-office mails.

Art. 5. The pay, salaries, allowances, and pay of the officers, missionary, soldiers, and sepoys, as well as the other expenses to be disbursed by the district, are set forth in the Schedule annexed to this Decree and forming part of the same.

§. During the first year of installation the