

it their duty to call at once, and in a special manner, the attention of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty.

In truth, if England had recognized the historical right, as constantly asserted by Portugal, to the territories on the Shiré and Nyassa, no question would ever have arisen. The contestation of that right, and above all things the declaration of a British Protectorate over those regions, cause them, at least as regards the British Government, to be fully comprised within the provisions of the said Article in virtue of which mediation is obligatory, and arbitration is optional.

Consequently, in my opinion, Portugal has the undoubted right to ask for the enforcement ("aplicação") of the 12th Article of the General Act, in the eventuality, which they neither expect nor wish for, of its being impossible to establish a direct agreement.

I avail, &c.,
(Signed) BARROS GOMES.

No. 11.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Mr. Petre.—
(Substance telegraphed.)

SIR,
Foreign Office, January 9, 1890.

WITH reference to your telegram of yesterday, in which you reported the substance of the Portuguese reply to your representation of the 6th instant as to recent proceedings in the country of the Makololo and in Mashonaland, I have to state that Her Majesty's Government are glad to learn that the reply of the Portuguese Government, in principle, meets the demands which you are instructed to make.

Before, however, it can be accepted as satisfactory, Her Majesty's Government must know that explicit instructions have been sent to the Portuguese authorities in Mozambique applying to the acts of force and exercise of jurisdiction which are now taking place, and which have already formed the subject of complaint on the part of Her Majesty's Government, as well as to any further proceedings of the same nature. This would include the withdrawal below the Ruo of the authorities and forces now in the country of the Makololo, and the removal of all military stations in Matabeleland and Mashonaland.

You should inform Senhor Barros Gomes of the terms of this despatch, and request him to furnish you, for communication to Her Majesty's Government, with copies of the instructions sent to the Mozambique authorities.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) SALISBURY.

No. 12.

Mr. Petre to the Marquis of Salisbury.—
(Received January 10.)

(Telegraphic.) *Lisbon, January 10, 1890.*

I AM informed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs that the most stringent orders were sent to Mozambique yesterday in the sense desired by Her Majesty's Government. I am also informed by him not only that Senhor Serpa Pinto has long been at Mozambique, but that the forces organised by him have returned to Inhambane long since.

No. 13.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Mr. Petre.—
(Substance telegraphed.)

SIR,
Foreign Office, January 10, 1890.

I have received your telegram of this day stating that you have been informed by the

Portuguese Government that the most stringent orders were sent yesterday to Mozambique in the sense desired by Her Majesty's Government; and, further, that not only has Senhor Serpa Pinto been long at Mozambique, but that the forces organised by him have long since returned to Inhambane.

Her Majesty's Government cannot accept the latter statement as sufficient.

On the 4th instant Her Majesty's Acting Vice-Consul sent a telegram, copy of which is inclosed, in which he stated, on the authority of Senhor Serpa Pinto himself, that the expedition remained in occupation of the Shiré, and that several stations in the Makololo country, including Katunga's, would be fortified and garrisoned. He added that Senhor d'Andrade had returned to the coast, and was organizing an expedition into Mashonaland.

I have to request you to state to Senhor Barros Gomes that the guarantee required by Her Majesty's Government is the issue of an order to the Governor-General of Mozambique, instructing him to withdraw all Portuguese troops that are on the Shiré, or in the Makololo country, or in Mashonaland. You will urge on his Excellency the immediate despatch of a telegraphic order to this effect, and you will request that a copy should be shown to you. Unless this is done Her Majesty's Government must consider the Portuguese assurances as illusory.

If you should not have received a satisfactory reply by 10 o'clock on the evening of the 11th, you will send a telegram to the Captain of Her Majesty's ship "Enchantress," now at Vigo, requesting him to proceed to Lisbon at once. If, on her arrival, you should still be without a satisfactory answer, you will withdraw Her Majesty's Legation, and leave the archives in charge of the Acting Consul.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) SALISBURY.

No. 14.

Acting Consul Churchill to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received January 11, 11.15 a.m.)
Mozambique, January 11, 1890, 10.30 a.m.

TO-DAY'S official Gazette contains Act of Vindication of Rights. States M'lauri surrendered to Portuguese; Katunga and other Makololos swore allegiance; Governor declared to them Portugal resumed possession of entire Shiré basin and region, and will administer them forthwith.

No. 13.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Mr. Petre.
(Substance telegraphed.)

SIR,
Foreign Office, January 10, 1890.

I HAVE received your telegram of this day stating that you have been informed by the Portuguese Government that the most stringent orders were sent yesterday to Mozambique in the sense desired by Her Majesty's Government; and, further, that not only has Senhor Serpa Pinto been long at Mozambique, but that the forces organized by him have long since returned to Inhambane.

Her Majesty's Government cannot accept the latter statement as sufficient.

On the 4th instant Her Majesty's Acting Vice-Consul sent a telegram, copy of which is inclosed,* in which he stated, on the authority of Senhor Serpa Pinto himself, that the expedition remained in occupation of the Shiré, and that several sta-