

"ARTICLE LXXII.

"Liberation Offices, or institutions in lieu thereof, shall be organized by the Administrations of the countries to which African slaves are sent, for the purposes specified in Article XVIII.

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"The Signatory Powers having undertaken to communicate to each other all information useful for the repression of the Slave Trade, the Governments whom the present Chapter concerns shall periodically exchange with the other Governments statistical data relating to slaves detained and liberated, as well as the legislative and administrative measures taken for suppressing the Slave Trade.

"CHAPTER V.—INSTITUTIONS INTENDED TO INSURE THE EXECUTION OF THE GENERAL ACT.

"§ I. *The International Maritime Office.*

"ARTICLE LXXIV.

"In accordance with the provisions of Article XXVII, an International Office is instituted at Zanzibar, in which each of the Signatory Powers may be represented by a Delegate.

"ARTICLE LXXV.

"The Office shall be constituted as soon as three Powers have appointed their Representatives.

"It shall draw up Regulations fixing the mode of exercising its functions. These Regulations shall immediately be submitted for the approval of those Signatory Powers who shall have notified their intention of being represented in the Office, and who shall come to a decision with regard to them with the least possible delay.

"ARTICLE LXXVI.

"The expenses of this institution shall be divided in equal parts among the Signatory Powers mentioned in the preceding Article.

"ARTICLE LXXVII.

"The object of the Office at Zanzibar shall be to centralize all documents and information of a nature to facilitate the repression of the Slave Trade in the maritime zone. For this purpose the Signatory Powers undertake to forward to it within the shortest possible time:

"1. The documents specified in Article XLI.

"2. Summaries of the Reports and copies of the Minutes referred to in Article XLVIII.

"3. The list of territorial or Consular authorities and Special Delegates competent to take action as regards detained vessels, according to the terms of Article XLIX.

"4. Copies of Judgments and Decrees of Condemnation delivered in accordance with Article LVIII.

"5. All information likely to lead to the discovery of persons engaged in the Slave Trade in the above-mentioned zone.

"ARTICLE LXXVIII.

"The archives of the Office shall always be open to naval officers of the Signatory Powers authorized to act within the limits of the zone defined in Article XXI, as well as to the territorial or judicial authorities, and to Consuls specially appointed by their Governments.

"The Office shall supply to foreign officers and agents authorized to consult its archives translations in a European language of documents written in an Oriental language. It shall make the communications provided for in Article XLVIII.

"ARTICLE LXXIX.

"Auxiliary Offices in communication with the Office at Zanzibar may be established in certain

parts of the zone, on agreement beforehand between the interested Powers.

"They shall be composed of Delegates of such Powers, and established in conformity with Articles LXXXV, LXXXVI, and LXXXVIII.

"The documents and information specified in Article LXXXVII, so far as they relate to the part of the zone specially concerned, shall be sent to them direct by the territorial and Consular authorities of the region in question, without prejudice to the communication to the Zanzibar Office provided for by the same Article.

"ARTICLE LXXX.

"The Office at Zanzibar shall draw up, within the two first months of every year, a Report upon its own operations and those of the auxiliary Offices, during the past year.

"§ II. *Exchange between the respective Governments of Documents and Information relating to the Slave Trade.*

"ARTICLE LXXXI.

"The Powers shall communicate to each other to the fullest extent, and with the least delay which they shall consider possible—

"1. The texts of the Laws and administrative Regulations, whether already existing, or enacted in application of the clauses of the present General Act.

"2. Statistical information concerning the Slave Trade, slaves detained and liberated, and the traffic in arms, ammunition, and spirituous liquors.

"ARTICLE LXXXII.

"The exchange of these documents and information shall be centralized in a special office attached to the Foreign Office in Brussels.

"ARTICLE LXXXIII.

"The Office at Zanzibar shall forward to it every year the Report mentioned in Article LXXX upon its operations during the past year, and upon those of the auxiliary Offices which may have been established in accordance with Article LXXXIX.

"ARTICLE LXXXIV.

"The documents and information shall be collected and published periodically, and addressed to all the Signatory Powers. This publication shall be accompanied every year by an analytical Table of the legislative, administrative, and statistical documents mentioned in Articles LXXXI and LXXXIII.

"ARTICLE LXXXV.

"The office expenses and the expenditure incurred for correspondence, translation, and printing shall be shared by all the Signatory Powers, and shall be recovered through the Foreign Office at Brussels.

"§ III. *Protection of Liberated Slaves.*

"ARTICLE LXXXVI.

"The Signatory Powers, having recognized the duty of protecting liberated slaves in their respective possessions, undertake to establish, if they should not already exist, in the ports of the zone determined by Article XXI, and in such parts of their said possessions as may be places for the capture, passage, and arrival of African slaves, as many offices or institutions as they may deem sufficient, the business of which will specially consist in freeing and protecting the slaves in accordance with the provisions of Articles VI, XVIII, LII, LXIII, and LXVI.

"ARTICLE LXXXVII.

"Such Offices, or the authorities charged with this service, shall deliver letters of freedom, and keep a register thereof.