

V. The two Governments agree to name Commissioners delegated by each of them, who shall be charged to fix by mutual agreement, after examination of the titles produced on either side, the most equitable delimitation between the British and French possessions in the region situated to the west of the Lower Niger.

VI. In conformity with the stipulations of Article XL of the General Convention concluded between Great Britain and the Regency of Tunis on the 19th July, 1875, which provides for a revision of that Treaty "in order that the two Contracting Parties may have the opportunity of hereafter treating and agreeing upon such other arrangements as may tend still further to the improvement of their mutual intercourse, and to the advancement of the interests of their respective people," the two Governments agree at once to commence negotiations for replacing the said General Convention by a new Convention which shall correspond with the intentions proposed in the Article above referred to.

Done at London the 13th January, 1896.

(L.S.) SALISBURY.

V. Les deux Gouvernements conviennent de nommer des Commissaires délégués par chacun d'eux, et qui seront chargés de fixer de commun accord, après examen des titres invoqués de part et d'autre, la délimitation la plus équitable entre les possessions Anglaises et Françaises dans la région située à l'ouest du Bas Niger.

VI. Conformément aux stipulations de l'Article XL de la Convention Générale conclue entre la Grande-Bretagne et la Régence de Tunis le 19 Juillet, 1875, qui prévoit une révision de ce Traité "afin que les deux Parties Contractantes puissent avoir occasion de traiter ultérieurement et de convenir de tels arrangements qui puissent tendre encore davantage à améliorer leurs relations mutuelles et à développer les intérêts de leurs nations respectives" les deux Gouvernements conviennent d'ouvrir immédiatement des négociations en vue de remplacer la dite Convention Générale par une Convention nouvelle répondant aux intentions annoncées dans l'Article qui vient d'être cité.

Fait à Londres, le 15 Janvier, 1896.

(L.S.) ALPH. DE COURCEL.

(Inclosure 2.)

Baron de Courcel to the Marquess of Salisbury.

M. LE MARQUIS,

LES deux Gouvernements de France et de Grande-Bretagne s'étant mis d'accord pour régler un certain nombre de questions qui ont donné lieu dans les derniers temps à des discussions entre eux, je suis heureux de pouvoir vous annoncer l'adhésion du Gouvernement de la République Française aux arrangements constatés par la Déclaration ci-jointe que j'ai été autorisé à signer avec votre Seigneurie.

Mon Gouvernement a la confiance que la conclusion de ces négociations, en manifestant la bonne entente établie entre la France et l'Angleterre, sera de nature à exercer une influence salutaire sur les populations soumises à l'autorité des deux pays ou voisines de leurs possessions respectives. Elle témoignera en particulier de leur commune sollicitude pour la sécurité et la stabilité du Royaume de Siam. Les assurances que les deux Gouvernements ont échangées impliquent en effet de la part de chacun d'eux le désir d'entretenir avec ce royaume les relations les plus amicales, et l'intention de respecter les Conventions existantes.

Je ne doute pas que votre Seigneurie ne partage mon sentiment à cet égard et je saisis cette occasion, &c.

(Signé) ALPH. DE COURCEL.

(Translation.)

MY LORD MARQUIS,

THE two Governments of France and Great Britain having agreed to settle certain questions which have recently given rise to discussions between them, I am happy to be able to notify to you the accession of the French Government to the arrangements set forth in the annexed Declaration, which I have been authorized to sign with your Lordship.

My Government is confident that the conclusion of these negotiations, by giving evidence of the good understanding established between France and England, will be of a nature to exercise a salutary influence over the populations subject to the authority of the two countries, or dwelling in the neighbourhood of their respective possessions. It will, in particular, give evidence of their joint solicitude for the security and stability of the Kingdom of Siam. The assurances which the two Governments have exchanged imply, in fact, the desire on the part of each of them to maintain the most friendly relations with that Kingdom, and the intention to respect existing conventions.

I do not doubt but that your Lordship will share my opinion in this respect, and I take this opportunity, &c.

(Signed) ALPH. DE COURCEL.

(Inclosure 3.)

The Marquess of Salisbury to Baron de Courcel.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this day's date, in which you announce that your Government accept the arrangements agreed upon between us for the settlement of various questions which have recently been the subject of discussion between our two Governments, and that you are authorized to sign the Declaration in which these arrangements are set forth.

I have received this announcement with much satisfaction, and shall be ready to sign the Declaration with you at once.

You state that your Government feel confident that the conclusion of these negotiations, by giving evidence of the good understanding established between Great Britain and France, will be calculated to exercise a salutary influence over the populations subject to the authority of the two countries or dwelling in the neighbourhood of their respective possessions.

You add that the Declaration will, in particular, give evidence of the joint solicitude of the two Governments for the security and stability of the Kingdom of Siam, and that the assurances which they have exchanged imply the desire on the part of each of them to maintain with that kingdom the most friendly relations, and to respect existing Conventions.

I have pleasure in receiving and taking note of this statement of the views and intentions of your Government, and, in offering you the same assurances on the part of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.