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FOREIGN-OFFICE, September 19, 1861.

EARLE RUSSELL, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received a Despatch from Mr McCoskry, the Acting British Consul at Lagos, dated August 7, inclosing a Treaty concluded by him and Commander Bedingfeld, R.N., commanding Her Majesty's sloop Prometheus, with Docemo, King of Lagos, for the cession of the Isle and Port of Lagos to Her Majesty. The Treaty is as follows:—

TREATY between Norman B. Bedingfeld, Commander, Her Majesty's sloop Prometheus, and Senior Officer of the Bights Division, and William McCoskry, Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul, on the part of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, and Docemo, King of Lagos, on the part of himself and Chiefs.

ARTICLE I.

In order that the Queen of England may be the better enabled to assist, defend, and protect the inhabitants of Lagos, and to put an end to the Slave Trade in this and the neighbouring countries, and to prevent the destructive wars so frequently undertaken by Dahomey and others for the capture of Slaves, I, Docemo, do, with the consent and advice of my Council, give, transfer, and by these presents grant and confirm, unto the Queen of Great Britain, Her Heirs and Successors for ever, the Port and Island of Lagos, with all the rights, profits, territories, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, and as well the profits and revenue, as the direct, full, and absolute dominion and sovereignty of the said Port, Island, and Premises, with all the royalties thereof, freely, fully, entirely, and absolutely. I do also covenant and grant that the quiet and peaceable possession thereof shall, with all possible speed, be freely and effectually delivered to the Queen of Great Britain, or such person as Her Majesty shall thereunto appoint, for Her use in the performance of this grant; the inhabitants of the said island and territories, as the Queen's subjects, and under Her sovereignty, crown, jurisdiction, and government, being still suffered to live there.

ARTICLE II.

Docemo will be allowed the use of the title of King, in its usual African signification, and will be permitted to decide disputes between natives of Lagos, with their consent, subject to appeal to British laws.

ARTICLE III.

In the transfer of lands, the stamp of Docemo affixed to the document will be proof that there are no other native claims upon it; and for this purpose he will be permitted to use it as hitherto.

In consideration of the cession, as before mentioned, of the port, and island and territories of Lagos, the representatives of the Queen of Great Britain do promise, subject to the approval of Her Majesty, that Docemo shall receive an annual pension from the Queen of Great Britain equal to the net revenue hitherto annually received by him; such pension to be paid at such periods and in such mode as may hereafter be determined.



L. S. DOCEMO, his x mark.

TELABE, his x mark. OBALEHOW, his x mark.

ROCUMENU, his x mark. ACHETONG, his x mark.

(Signed) NORMAN B. BEDINGFELD, H.M.S. Prometheus, Senior Officer, Bights Division.

(Signed) W. McCOSKRY, Acting Consul.

Lagos, August 6, 1861.

FOREIGN-OFFICE, September 20, 1861.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr John T. Neal as Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, for the United States.

DUBLIN CASTLE, September 14, 1861.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint Thomas Redington, Esquire, to be a Resident Magistrate for the County of Donegal, under the Act 6 Wm. IV, cap. 13, in the room of Thomas A. Dillon, Esq. deceased.

