

## ARTICLE VI.

The execution of the reciprocal engagements contained in the present Treaty is expressly declared to be subject, in case of need, to the fulfilment of the formalities and rules prescribed by the constitutional laws of those of the High Contracting Parties for whom such a sanction is required, and who engage to take measures for obtaining the same with the least possible delay.

## ARTICLE VII.

It is well understood that the arrangements of Article III shall be obligatory only with regard to those Powers which have taken part in or shall accede to the Treaty of this day; His Majesty the King of the Belgians expressly reserving to himself the right of regulating the treatment, in regard to duties and customs, of vessels belonging to Powers which have not or shall not become parties to that Treaty.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The present Treaty shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Brussels before the 1st of August 1863, or as soon as possible after that date.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at Brussels, the sixteenth day of the month of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

(L.S.) HOWARD DE WALDEN AND SEAFORD.

(L.S.) BON. CH. HÜGEL.

(L.S.) CH. ROGIER.

(L.S.) BN. LAMBERMONT.

(L.S.) J. T. DO AMARAL.

(L.S.) M. CARVALLO.

(L.S.) P. BILLE-BRAHE.

(L.S.) D. COELLO DE PORTUGAL.

(L.S.) MALARET.

(L.S.) VON HODENBERG.

(L.S.) CTE. DE MONTALTO.

(L.S.) M. YRIGOYEN.

(L.S.) VTE. DE SEISAL.

(L.S.) SAVIGNY.

(L.S.) ORLOFF.

(L.S.) ADALBERT MANSBACH.

(L.S.) C. MUSURUS.

(L.S.) GEFFCKEN.

Treaty of the 12th of May 1863, between Belgium and the Netherlands, annexed to the General Treaty of the 16th of July 1863.

His Majesty the King of the Belgians, and His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, Grand Duke of Luxemburg, having come to an agreement upon the conditions of the redemption, by way of capitalization, of the toll established upon the navigation of the Scheldt and its mouths by section 3 of Article IX of the Treaty of the 19th of April 1839, have resolved to conclude a special Treaty on that subject, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries:

His Majesty the King of the Belgians, the Sieur Aldephouse Alexander Felix Baron du Jardin, Commander of the Order of Leopold, decorated with the Iron Cross, Commander of the Netherland Lion, Knight Grand Cross of the Oaken Crown, Grand Cross and Commander of several other Orders, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

His Majesty the King of the Netherlands; the Sieur Paul Van der Maesen de Sombreff, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Nichan Iftihar of Tunis, His Minister for Foreign Affairs; the Sieur John Rudolph Thorbecke, Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherland Lion, Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold of Belgium, and of several other Orders, His Minister of the Interior; and the Sieur Gérard Henry Betz, His Minister of Finance;

Who, after having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

## ARTICLE I.

His Majesty the King of the Netherlands renounces for ever, in consideration of a sum of seventeen millions one hundred and forty-one thousand six hundred and forty Netherland florins, the duty collected upon the navigation of the Scheldt and its mouths, in virtue of section 3 of Article IX of the Treaty of the 19th of April 1839.

## ARTICLE II.

This sum shall be paid to the Netherland Government by the Belgian Government at Antwerp or Amsterdam, at the option of the latter, the franc being calculated at  $47\frac{1}{4}$  Netherland centimes, that is to say:—

One-third as soon as may be after the exchange of the ratifications, and the other two-thirds in three equal instalments falling due on the 1st of May 1864, the 1st of May 1865, and the 1st of May 1866.

The Belgian Government shall be at liberty to anticipate the said days of payment.

## ARTICLE III.

From and after the payment of the first third the toll shall cease to be collected by the Government of the Netherlands.

The amount not immediately paid shall bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum for the benefit of the Netherland Treasury.

## ARTICLE IV.

It is understood that the capitalization of the toll shall in no way affect the engagements which result, with regard to the two States, from the Treaties in force concerning the Scheldt.

## ARTICLE V.

The pilotage dues now collected in the Scheldt are reduced

20 per cent. for sailing vessels;

25 per cent. for towed vessels;

30 per cent. for steam vessels.

It is moreover agreed that the pilotage dues in the Scheldt shall never be higher than the pilotage dues collected in the mouths of the Meuse.

## ARTICLE VI.

The present Treaty shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at the Hague in four months, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof the aforesaid Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done at the Hague, the 12th day of May 1863.

(L.S.) BARON DU JARDIN.

(L.S.) P. VAN DER MAESEN DE SOMBREFF.

(L.S.) THORBECKE.

(L.S.) BETZ.