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**A**T the Court at Windsor, the 10th day of November 1840.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**I**T is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council, that the Parliament, which stands prorogued to Thursday the twelfth day of November instant, be further prorogued to Thursday the tenth day of December next.

**CONVENTION of COMMERCE** between Her Majesty and His Highness The Imam of Muscat. Signed, in the English and Arabick Languages, at Zanzibar, May 34, 1839.

**H**ER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Highness the Sultan of Muscat and its dependencies, being desirous to confirm and strengthen the good understanding which now subsists between them, and to promote, by means of a Convention, the commercial intercourse between their respective subjects; and His Highness the Sultan of Muscat being moreover desirous to record in a more formal manner, the engagements entered into by His Highness on the 10th of September 1822, for the perpetual abolition of the Slave Trade between the Dominions of His Highness and all Christian Nations; They have accordingly appointed as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:—Robert Cogan, Esq. a Captain in the Naval Service of the East India Company, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c. and Hassan Bin Ibrahim, and Mahabat Ali Bin Naser, on behalf of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat, &c. &c. who,

having communicated their full powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:

## ARTICLE I.

The subjects of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat shall be at liberty to enter, reside in, trade with, and pass with their merchandize through, all parts of Her Britannick Majesty's Dominions in Europe and in Asia, and shall enjoy in those Dominions all the privileges and advantages with respect to commerce or otherwise, which are or may be accorded therein to the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nations; and the subjects of Her Britannick Majesty shall, in like manner, have full liberty to enter, reside in, trade with, and pass with their merchandize through, all parts of the Dominions of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat, and shall, in those Dominions, enjoy all the privileges and advantages with respect to commerce or otherwise, which are or may be accorded therein to the subjects or citizens of the most favoured nations.

## ARTICLE II.

British subjects shall be at liberty to purchase, sell, or hire land or houses in the Dominions of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat.

The houses, warehouses, or other premises of British subjects, or of persons actually in the service of British subjects, in the Dominions of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat, shall not be forcibly entered, nor on any pretext searched, without the consent of the occupier, unless with the cognizance of the British Consul or Resident Agent. But such Consul or Resident Agent, on just cause being adduced by the authorities of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat, shall send a competent person, who, in concert with the Officers of His Highness the Sultan of Muscat, shall conduct the search, and shall prevent the use of unnecessary violence or of improper resistance.