

Protocol of Conference held at the Foreign Office, August 30, 1862, between the Plenipotentiaries of Great Britain and of Belgium.

Protocole d'une Conférence tenue au Foreign Office le 30 Août, 1862, entre les Plénipotentiaires de la Grande Bretagne et de Belgique.

THE Undersigned, in proceeding to the exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation, concluded on the 23rd of July, 1862, between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the King of the Belgians, have agreed to record in the present Protocol the modifications in the said Treaty arranged this day between them; and in consequence of which the following Tariff is adopted:

LES Soussignés, en procédant à l'échange des ratifications du Traité de Commerce et de Navigation conclu le 23 Juillet, 1862, entre Sa Majesté la Reine du Royaume Uni de la Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande, et Sa Majesté le Roi des Belges, sont tombés d'accord de consigner dans le présent Protocole les modifications au dit Traité convenues aujourd'hui entre eux; et en conséquence desquelles le Tarif suivant est adopté:

COTTON YARNS.

Nos.	First Year.	Second Year.
m.	c.	c.
20,000 and under	0.22	0.20
20,000 to 30,000	0.30	0.25
30,000 to 40,000	0.45	0.35
40,000 to 65,000	0.60	0.50

FILS DE COTON.

Nos.	1 ^{re} Année.	2 ^{me} Année.
m.	c.	c.
20,000 et au dessous	0.22	0.20
20,000 à 30,000	0.30	0.25
30,000 à 40,000	0.45	0.35
40,000 à 65,000	0.60	0.50

About 65,000 free entry (weighing charge of 10 centimes) during the whole duration of the Treaty.

Au dessus de 65,000 libre entrée (droit de balance de 10 centimes) pendant toute la durée du Traité.

These modifications shall have the same force and effect as if they were textually inserted in the said Treaty, and they shall come into operation from the 1st of October, 1862, the old duties continuing to be applied to the above-mentioned articles as well as to the mixed tissues (Article XXII of the Treaty) up to that date.

Ces modifications auront la même force et valeur que si elles étaient insérées textuellement au dit Traité, et elles seront mises à exécution à partir du 1^{er} Octobre, 1862, le régime ancien continuant à être appliqué aux articles mentionnés ci-dessus, ainsi qu'aux tissus mélangés (Article XXII du Traité) jusqu'à cette date.

In testimony whereof the Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Protocol, and have thereto affixed their seals.

En foi de quoi, les Plénipotentiaires ont signé le présent Protocole, et y ont apposé le cachet de leurs armes.

Done in London, the 30th of August, 1862.

Fait à Londres, le 30 Août, 1862.

- (L.S.) RUSSELL.
- (L.S.) THOS. MILNER GIBSON.
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Notification of the Raising of the Blockade of Sicily and the adjacent Islands.

IT is hereby notified that, on the 1st day of this month, Earl Russell, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, received from the Italian Chargé d'Affaires, resident at this Court, the announcement that the Blockade of the Island of Sicily and of the neighbouring Islands, notified to Earl Russell on the 23rd of August last, and published in the Gazette of Tuesday last, has been raised by the Italian Government, and is no longer in force.

Foreign Office,
September 2, 1862.

NOTICE.

Council Office, Whitehall, August 30, 1862.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to Her Majesty in Council from the inhabitant householders of the Parliamentary borough of Reigate, in the county of Surrey, praying, under the Act, 1 Vict., c. 78, the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the

said Parliamentary borough; and notice is hereby further given, that Her Majesty has been pleased, by Her Order of Council of this day's date to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the fourteenth day of October next.

Arthur Helps.

Foreign Office, August 30, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Joseph A. Crooks to be Consul at Gibraltar for the Free Hanseatic City of Lubeck.

Downing Street, September 1, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Frederick William Mitchell, Esq., to be Postmaster-General, and John Simpson, Esq., to be Assistant Postmaster-General, for the Colony of Hong Kong.