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COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND SPAIN.

Foreign Office, December 10, 1883.

THE following Protocol was signed on the 1st instant by Sir Robert Morier, K.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Madrid, and His Excellency Señor Ruiz Gomez, the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs:—

THE Government of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Government of His Majesty the King of Spain, being desirous to put an end to the unsatisfactory state of the Commercial Relations actually existing between the two countries, Sir Robert Morier, K.C.B., Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of Madrid, and His Excellency Don Servando Ruiz Gomez, His Catholic Majesty's Minister of State, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have come to the following agreement:—

1. The two Governments engage at once to open negotiations for a Treaty of Commerce, which shall include a Consular Convention and a Treaty of Navigation, and shall be concluded with the least possible delay.

2. With a view to increasing their trade by respectively widening their markets for each other's produce, the two Governments engage;

The Government of His Catholic Majesty to make within the limits compatible with their financial requirements, with due regard to the present state of Spanish industry, and with the sanction of the Cortes, such modifications in their present conventional tariff as, after careful investigation and enquiry, shall be found necessary to meet the legitimate requirements of British trade;

The Government of Her Britannic Majesty to apply to Parliament for sanction to modify the present alcoholic scale of the British tariff, so as to meet the legitimate requirements of Spanish trade.

3. Should the modifications proposed by the Spanish Government, after the careful investigation and enquiry above provided for, be such as to satisfy the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, in respect to the Spanish tariff on British goods, Her Britannic Majesty's Government engage to apply to Parliament for sanction to extend the present shilling limit from 26 degrees to 30 degrees, and, above 30 degrees, to modify the

present scale to such extent as may be deemed proper.

4. The two Governments engage at once to name a Mixed Commission for the purpose of the investigation provided for by paragraph 2.

Such Commission shall thoroughly investigate values and all the other conditions which go to made up prices, and also take cognisance of any hindrances which militate against that perfect liberty and free movement of trade and commerce, which are so desirable in the interest of both countries. The Commission will be ready to hear interested parties, whether Spanish or British.

5. With the further view of removing as quickly as possible the grave prejudices resulting to the trade of both countries from the differential system now in force towards British goods, the two Governments agree on the following *modus vivendi*, which shall remain in force until such time as the Treaty shall have taken effect.

The Government of His Catholic Majesty at once to apply to the Cortes for the powers necessary to admit British goods according to the rates of the second column of the present Spanish tariff.

The Government of Her Britannic Majesty on their side, as soon as Parliament deals with the Budget, to apply for the necessary sanction to extend the shilling scale from its present limit of 26 degrees to 30 degrees.

6. This arrangement to remain in force until the definitive Treaty of Commerce shall take effect, with liberty, however, should unforeseen circumstances interrupt the negotiations, of termination in 1887.

7. The two Governments further engage that so long as the aforesaid *modus vivendi* remains in force, they will respectively accord to each other most favoured nation treatment in regard to all matters appertaining to trade and navigation.

Done in duplicate at Madrid, the 1st day of December, 1883.

(L. S.) R. B. D. MORIER.

(L. S.) SERVANDO RUIZ GOMEZ.

Privy Council Office, December 11, 1883.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a Petition has been addressed to Her Majesty in Council by certain Inhabitant Householders of the borough of Appleby, in the county of Westmorland, praying that a CHARTER may be granted to that borough, whereby the powers and provisions of