

AT the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of November, 1889.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Earl of Zetland.

Secretary Lord Knutsford.

Lord Ashbourne.

Sir James Fergusson, Bart.

Sir James Caird.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the thirty-seventh year of your Majesty's reign, chapter 88, intituled "The Slave Trade Act, 1873," it was, amongst other things, provided that where any Treaty in relation to the Slave Trade is made after the passing of that Act, by or on behalf of Her Majesty with any Foreign State, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, direct that as from such date, not being earlier than the date of the Treaty as may be specified in the Order, such Treaty shall be deemed, and that thereupon (as from the said date, or if no date should be specified, as from the date of such Order) such Treaty shall be deemed to be an existing Slave Trade Treaty within the meaning of the Act, and all the provisions of the Act should apply and be construed accordingly.

And whereas on the fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, a Treaty for the suppression of the African Slave Trade was concluded between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of Italy in the following terms, that is to say:—

"Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Majesty the King of Italy, being mutually animated by a sincere desire to co-operate for the extinction of the Traffic in African Slaves, have resolved to conclude a Treaty for the purpose of attaining this object, and with this view have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say:—

"Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoyne Cecil, Marquis of Salisbury, Earl of Salisbury, Viscount Cranborne, Baron Cecil, Peer of the United Kingdom, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, &c.;

"And His Majesty the King of Italy, Monsieur Thomas Catalani, Knight Commander of Saints Maurice and Lazare, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty in London;

"Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

#### "ARTICLE I.

"Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Majesty the King of Italy engage to prohibit all Trade in Slaves, either by their respective subjects or under their respective flags, or by means of capital belonging to their respective subjects; and to declare such Traffic piracy. Their Majesties further declare, that any vessel which may attempt to carry on the Slave Trade, shall, by that fact alone, lose all right to the protection of their flag.

#### "ARTICLE II.

"In order more completely to accomplish the object of the present Treaty, the High Contracting Parties agree that their ships of war may search every merchant-vessel belonging to the nationality of either of the High Contracting Parties which shall, on reasonable grounds, be suspected of being engaged in the traffic in slaves, or of having been fitted out for that purpose, or of having been engaged in the traffic during the voyage in which she shall have been met with by the said cruisers; and that such cruisers may detain and send or carry away such vessels, in order that they may be brought to trial.

"The said mutual right of search shall not

"Sua Maestà la Regina del Regno Unito della Gran Bretagna e d'Irlanda e Sua Maestà il Re d'Italia, essendo mutuamente animati da un sincero desiderio di cooperare per l'estinzione del Traffico degli Schiavi Africani, hanno risoluto di concludere un Trattato per conseguire quello scopo, e, con tale intento, hanno nominato loro Plenipontenziari:

"Sua Maestà la Regina del Regno Unito della Gran Bretagna e d'Irlanda, l'Onorevolissimo Roberto Arturo Talbot Gascoyne Cecil, Marchese di Salisbury, Conte di Salisbury, Visconte Cranborne, Barone Cecil, Pari del Regno Unito, Cavaliere del Nobilissimo Ordine della Giarrettiera, Membro dell' Onorevolissimo Consiglio Privato di Sua Maestà, Principale Segretario di Stato di Sua Maestà per gli Affari Esteri;

"E Sua Maestà il Re d'Italia, il Signor Tommaso Catalani Commendatore dei SS. Maurizio e Lazzaro, Incaricato d'Affari di Sua Maestà in Londra;

"I quali, dopo aversi partecipato l'un l'altro i loro rispettivi pieni poteri, trovati in buona e debita forma, sono, addivenuti alla stipulazione degli Articoli seguenti:—

#### "ARTICOLO I.

"Sua Maestà la Regina del Regno Unito della Gran Bretagna e d'Irlanda e Sua Maestà il Re d'Italia assumono l'impegno di proibire ogni Commercio di Schiavi esercitato dai loro sudditi rispettivi, o sotto le loro rispettive bandiere, o per mezzo di capitali appartenenti ai loro sudditi rispettivi, o di dichiarare un tale Traffico atto di pirateria. Le loro Maestà dichiarano inoltre che qual siasi nave che tenterà di esercitare la Tratta perderà, per quel solo fatto, ogni diritto alla protezione della loro bandiera.

#### "ARTICOLO II.

"Per conseguire più pienamente lo scopo del presente Trattato, le Alte Parti Contraenti convengono che le loro navi da guerra possono visitare ogni bastimento mercantile appartenente alla nazionalità dell'una o dell'altra Alta Parte Contraente, sospettato, con ragionevoli motivi, di essere impegnato nel Traffico degli Schiavi, o di essere stato allestito a quell'intento, o di essere stato impegnato in quel Traffico durante il viaggio in cui avrà incontrato i detti incrociatori; e che quegli incrociatori potranno arrestare, e spedire, o condurre seco tali bastimenti affinché possano essere sottoposti ad un giudizio.

"Il suddetto reciproco diritto di visita non