

of the present General Act, their deposit shall be recorded in a Protocol which shall be signed by the Representatives of all the Powers which have ratified.

"A certified copy of this Protocol shall be forwarded to all the Powers interested.

"ARTICLE C.

"The present General Act shall come into force in all the possessions of the Contracting Powers on the sixtieth day after the date of the Protocol of Deposit provided for in the preceding Article.

"In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present General Act, and have thereto affixed their seals.

"Done at Brussels the 2nd day of the month of July, 1890.

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 "(L.S.) EDM. VAN EETVELDE.  
 "(L.S.) A. VAN MALDEGHEM.  
 "(L.S.) EDWIN H. TERRELL.  
 "(L.S.) H. S. SANFORD.  
 "(L.S.) A. BOURÉE.  
 "(L.S.) G. COGORDAN.  
 "(L.S.) F. DE RENZIS.  
 "(L.S.) T. CATALANI.  
 "(L.S.) L. GERICKE.  
 "(L.S.) NAZARE AGA.  
 "(L.S.) HENRIQUE DE MACEDO PEREIRA COUTINHO.  
 "(L.S.) L. OUROUSSOFF.  
 "(L.S.) MARTENS.  
 "(L.S.) BURENSTAM.  
 "(L.S.) ÉT. CARATHÉODORY.  
 "(L.S.) JOHN KIRK.  
 "(L.S.) GÖHRING.

"Annex to Article XXXIX.

"LICENCE to ply the Coasting Trade on the East Coast of Africa in conformity with Article XXXIX.

| Name of Vessel, with Description of Form of Build and Rig. | Nationality. | Tonnage. | Port of Register. | Name of Captain. | Number of Crew. | Maximum Number of Passengers. | Limits within which Vessel is entitled to Ply. | General Remarks. |
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"The present Licence must be renewed on the

"Rank of Official who has issued the Permit :

"DECLARATION.

"The Powers assembled in Conference at Brussels, who have ratified the General Act of Berlin of the 26th February, 1885, or who have acceded thereto,

"After having drawn up and signed in concert, in the General Act of this day, a collection of measures intended to put an end to the Negro Slave Trade by land as well as by sea, and to improve the moral and material conditions of existence of the native races.

"Taking into consideration that the execution of the provisions which they have adopted with this object imposes on some of them who have possessions or Protectorates in the conventional basin of the Congo obligations which absolutely demand new resources to meet them,

"Have agreed to make the following Declaration:—

"The Signatory or adhering Powers who have possessions or Protectorates in the said conventional basin of the Congo are authorized, so far as they require any authority for the purpose, to establish therein duties upon imported goods, the scale of which shall not exceed a rate equivalent to 10 per cent. *ad valorem* at the port of entry, always excepting spirituous liquors, which are regulated by the provisions of Chapter VI of the General Act of this day.

"After the signature of the said General Act, negotiations shall be opened between the Powers who have ratified the General Act of Berlin or who have adhered to it, in order to draw up, within the maximum limit of 10 per cent. *ad valorem*, the conditions of the Customs system to be established in the conventional basin of the Congo.

"Nevertheless, it is understood:—

"1. That no differential treatment or transit duty shall be established;

"2. That in applying the Customs system which may be agreed upon, each Power will undertake to simplify formalities as much as possible, and to facilitate trade operations;

"3. That the arrangement resulting from the proposed negotiations shall remain in force for fifteen years from the signature of the present Declaration.

"At the expiration of this period, and failing a fresh Agreement, the Contracting Powers shall return to the conditions provided for by Article IV of the General Act of Berlin, retaining the power of imposing duties up to a maximum of 10 per cent. upon goods imported into the conventional basin of the Congo.

"The ratifications of the present Declaration shall be exchanged at the same time as those of the General Act of this day.

"In witness whereof the undersigned Plenipotentiaries have drawn up the present Declaration, and have affixed thereto their seals.

"Done at Brussels, the 2nd day of the month of July, 1890.

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