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## An Act to remove Doubts as to the Operation of a Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the *French* relative to *Portendic* and *Albreda*. [12th *July* 1858.]

WHEREAS a Convention was, on the Seventh Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, concluded between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of the *French*, of which the Ratifications were exchanged on the Twenty-seventh Day of the same Month, whereby it was agreed as follows:—

'Article I.—Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom 'of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* relinquishes the Right hitherto 'enjoyed, under Treaty, by the Subjects of Her *Britannic* Ma'jesty, of trading from the Mouth of the River *St. John* to the 'Bay and Fort of *Portendic* inclusively.

'Article II.—His Majesty the Emperor of the *French* cedes 'to Her *Britannic* Majesty the *French* Factory or Comptoir at '*Albreda*, on the North Bank of the River *Gambia*, on the

'Western Coast of *Africa*, together with all possessory or other 'Rights whatever appertaining to the said Factory.

'ARTICLE III.—Her *Britannic* Majesty consents that *French* 'Subjects shall have free Access to the River *Gambia* for the 'Purposes of their Commerce. They shall be allowed to reside 'at the Town of *Bathurst*, and at such other Trading Station 'or Stations as may hereafter be appointed by Her *Britannic* 'Majesty in Council, but not elsewhere; except so far as regards '*Albreda*, where such *French* Subjects as are now resident, and 'may wish to remain, are authorized so to do by Article IV. of 'the present Convention, conforming themselves, however, to 'the Laws and local Regulations which are or may be in force 'in the *British* Settlements in the *Gambia*. *French* Vessels in 'the River *Gambia* shall be subject to the same Duties, Tolls, 'and Regulations as *British* Vessels; and every Article im-'ported or exported in *French* Vessels shall pay the same Duty 'as is or may be imposed upon the like Article when imported 'or exported in *British* Vessels. The *French* Government shall 'be allowed to maintain a Consular Agent at *Bathurst;* it being 'clearly understood that such Consular Agent must first be 'approved and admitted in the usual Manner by the Govern-'ment of Her *Britannic* Majesty.

'ARTICLE IV.—*French* Subjects already settled at *Albreda*, 'and who may wish to remain there after the Cession to Her '*Britannic* Majesty of the *French* Factory or Comptoir, shall 'preserve their Property, and the Rights attached thereto, and 'shall be protected and treated in all respects in the same 'Manner as all other *French* Subjects in the Possessions of Her '*Britannic* Majesty.'

And whereas Doubts are entertained whether certain of the Provisions of the said Convention are consistent with certain Provisions concerning the Coasting Trade of the *British* Possessions contained in an Act of the Session holden in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and seven, "to "amend and consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs of the "United Kingdom and of the *Isle of Man*, and certain Laws relating "to Trade and Navigation, and the *British* Possessions:" Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same; as follows:

16 & 17 Vict. c. 107.

I. The

*Portendic and Albreda Convention.*

I. The above-recited Convention is hereby confirmed, and shall be deemed to have full Force and Operation, anything in the said recited Act or in any other Act of Parliament notwithstanding. Recited Convention confirmed.

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