

further, no customs duties or other dues or charges shall be levied at any one frontier different from or higher than those which are levied at any other frontier on similar articles. British subjects in Bulgaria, and Bulgarians in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall enjoy perfect equality of treatment with natives and the subjects of every other foreign State in all matters relating to bonding, bounties, drawbacks, facilities, patents for inventions, trade-marks, distinctive marks of manufacture or of origin, patterns and designs.

Art. 2. No prohibition or restriction shall be maintained or decreed against the importation of any article the produce or manufacture of one or other of the contracting countries, from whatever place arriving, which shall not equally apply to the importation of the like article produced or manufactured in any other foreign country. It is, nevertheless, understood that each of the contracting parties reserves the right to apply sanitary measures and restrictions affecting the importation of any goods or articles injurious to public health, or to animals or plants.

Art. 3. Her Britannic Majesty's Government consents that during the term of the present Arrangement, articles of British origin or manufacture shall pay, on entering Bulgaria, the customs, octroi, and excise duties specified in Annex (A) and in the Final Protocol of the Treaty signed on the 27th December, 1896, between the Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian Plenipotentiaries, saving all reductions which have been or may be granted to other Powers, and excepting the articles scheduled in Annex 2 of the present Arrangement, which shall pay the duties therein specified.

Art. 4. Annexes Nos. 1, 2 and 3 shall be considered as forming an integral part of the present Arrangement.

Art. 5. The present Arrangement shall be applicable, so far as the laws permit, to all the Colonies and foreign possessions of Her Britannic Majesty, provided always that each of the said Colonies and foreign possessions shall be free to refuse its acceptance of the Arrangement within six months from the date of the signature thereof, notification to that effect being given by Her Majesty's Representative at Sophia to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of His Royal Highness the Prince of Bulgaria.

Art. 6. The present Arrangement shall come into effect on the 1st July, 1897, and shall remain in force until the 31st December, 1899.

In case neither of the contracting parties shall have notified six months before the end of the said period the intention of putting an end to it, the Arrangement shall remain binding until the expiration of one year from the day on which one or other of the contracting parties shall have denounced it.

Done in duplicate at Vienna, this 12th and 1st July, in the year of our Lord 1897.

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(Signed)
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ANNEX No. 1.

1. The right of "cabotage" is maintained for British vessels. During the term of the Arrangement signed on the 1st July, 1897, British vessels calling at Bulgarian ports shall not be liable to any dues or charges, other or higher than those set forth in the annexed Circular of the 13th April, 1885.

When ships can take advantage of the works now being constructed, or which may hereafter be constructed, at certain ports, the question of new dues to be paid at those ports shall be settled by mutual agreement.

2. In all operations relating to commerce or navigation (customs operations, fines, &c.) where British subjects are called upon to provide guarantees, bank guarantees will only be accepted as satisfactory if furnished by banks established in Bulgaria with the sanction of the Government of the Principality.

3. Every facility shall be granted to British subjects for bonding goods at the sea-ports; and the bonding of coal shall be permitted in depots either on land or afloat.