

**NOTE (SEPTEMBER 9, 1938) REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE BY
CANADA OF THE CONVENTION REGARDING THE ABOLITION
OF THE CAPITULATIONS IN EGYPT**

*The British Ambassador at Alexandria to the Acting Minister
for Foreign Affairs of Egypt*

BRITISH EMBASSY

ALEXANDRIA, 9th September, 1938.

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YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in Canada, to inform Your Excellency that they, having read the Convention regarding the abolition of the Capitulations in Egypt signed at Montreux on May 8th, 1937, confirm their acceptance of it expressed in the letter of April 14th, 1937 from the High Commissioner for Canada in London to the President of the Montreux Conference.

2. The second paragraph of that letter stated that His Majesty's Government in Canada accepted on the understanding that Canada could claim, under the Convention, the same rights as those states that had signed and ratified. His Majesty's Government in Canada accordingly desire me to give notice to Your Excellency, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the Montreux Convention, of the exercise by the King, my August Sovereign, in respect of Canada, of the right to retain His Consular Court in Egypt for the purposes of jurisdiction in matters of personal status, as defined in Article 28 of the Annex to the Convention, in the cases specified in paragraph 1 of Article 9 of the Convention and subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 25 of the Annex.

I avail myself, etc.

C. H. BATEMAN

**CONVENTION REGARDING THE ABOLITION OF THE CAPITULA-
TIONS IN EGYPT**

Signed at Montreux on May 8, 1937.

His Majesty the King of Egypt, of the one part, and the President of the United States of America; His Majesty the King of the Belgians; His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India; His Majesty the King of Denmark; the President of the Spanish Republic; the President of the French Republic; His Majesty the King of the Hellenes; His Majesty the King of Italy, Emperor of Ethiopia; His Majesty the King of Norway, Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands; the President of the Portuguese Republic; His Majesty the King of Sweden, of the other part;

Whereas the régime of Capitulations hitherto in force in Egypt is no longer in harmony with the new situation to which that country has attained through the progress of its institutions and whereas it should in consequence be brought to an end;

Considering that, following upon the abolition by common agreement of the said régime, there should be established between them relations based on respect for the independence and sovereignty of States and on ordinary international law;