

**COSTA RICA.****MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT.**

Nov. 27, 1859.

Commerce and  
Navigation.*Subjects. Commerce. Ships and Cargoes. Houses and Warehouses.  
Protection.**Continued.*

There shall be between all the territories, dominions and settlements of Her Britannic Majesty in Europe, and the territories of the Republic of Costa Rica, a reciprocal freedom of commerce. The subjects and citizens of the two countries respectively shall have liberty freely and securely to come, with their ships and cargoes, to all places, ports and rivers in the territories, dominions and settlements aforesaid, to which other foreigners are or may be permitted to come; to enter into the same, and to remain and reside in any part thereof respectively; also, to hire and occupy houses and warehouses for the purposes of their commerce; and generally the merchants and traders of each nation respectively shall enjoy the most complete protection and security for their commerce, subject always to the laws and statutes of the two countries respectively. (Article II.)

*Ships of War and Post Office Packets.*

In like manner the respective ships of war and post-office packets of the two countries shall have liberty freely and securely to come to all harbors, rivers and places to which other foreign ships of war and packets are or may be permitted to come; to enter into the same, to anchor, and to remain there and refit, subject always to the laws and statutes of the two countries respectively. (Article II.)

*Coasting Trade Reserved.*

By the right of entering the places, ports and rivers mentioned in this Article, the privilege of carrying on the coasting trade is not understood, in which trade national vessels only are permitted to engage. (Article II.)

*Commerce and Navigation.*

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland engages further that the inhabitants of the Republic of Costa Rica shall have the like liberty of commerce and navigation stipulated for in the preceding Article in all her territories, dominions and settlements situated out of Europe to the full extent to which the same is permitted at present, or shall be permitted hereafter to any other nation. (Article III.)

*Subjects. Favors. Privileges and Immunities.*

It being the intention of the two High Contracting Parties to bind themselves by the two preceding Articles to treat each other on the footing of the most favored nation, it is hereby agreed between them that any favor, privilege or immunity whatever in matters of commerce and navigation which either Contracting Party has actually granted, or may hereafter grant, to the subjects or citizens of any other State, shall be extended to the subjects or citizens of the other High Contracting Party gratuitously if the con-