

APPENDIX III.

TERMINATION OF UNITED STATES' PRIVILEGES IN RUSSIAN-AMERICAN TERRITORY.

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Baron Krudener to Mr. Dickins.

(Translation.)

Washington, May 19 (31), 1835.

THE Undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, has the honour to address the following communication to Mr. Dickins, who has charge of the Department of Foreign Relations during the absence of the Secretary of State.

The Convention concluded between Russia and the United States on the 5th (17th) April, 1824, regulated various points respecting the commerce and navigation of the vessels of each nation along the north-west coast of America. The IVth Article of this Convention grants to American vessels for ten years after the date of the signature thereof the right of frequenting, without any hindrance whatever, the interior seas, gulfs, harbours, and creeks comprised within the limits of the Russian possessions on the aforesaid coast, and especially northward of 54° 40' of north latitude.

This period of ten years expired on the 5th (17th) April, 1834, notwithstanding which two American captains, Snow and Allen, who were then in the port of Novo-Archangelsk, declared their intention to visit the anchoring places on the coast belonging to Russia, as before, on the plea that they had received no notice of the cessation of this privilege from their Government. This declaration induced Captain Baron de Wrangel, Governor of the Russian-American Colonies, to state formally to Captains Snow and Allen, by a circular addressed to them under date of the 27th April, that by the terms of the Convention of April, 1824, American vessels had no longer the right of landing at their discretion at all the landing-places of the said possessions in America.

In consequence of what is here exposed the Ministry of His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias has ordered the Undersigned to call the attention of the American Government to the fact that the IVth Article of the Treaty of 5th (17th) April, 1824, by which indefinite and indiscriminate liberty ("une liberté indéfinie et indistincte") of frequenting the respective possessions of each party on the north-west coast was granted to the vessels of each, has expired.

The new state of things brought on by the terms of the Treaty, since the expiration of the said ten years, not having been sufficiently appreciated by the navigators of the United States, who have latterly frequented the Russian possessions on the north-west coast of North America, it appears to be necessary that the American public should be informed of the actual state of the relations on this subject, and the Undersigned has been ordered to invite the Government of the United States to take the most suitable measures with regard to it.

The Undersigned, &c.,

(Signed) B. KRUDENER.

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IT will be recollected that a Convention was concluded between the United States and Russia in April 1824, regulating various matters connected with the commerce and navigation of the two nations on the north-west coast of America. By the IVth Article it was stipulated that the ships of both nations might, during a term of ten years, frequent without hindrance the interior seas, gulfs, harbours, and creeks of each nation on that coast for the purpose of fishing and trading with the natives of the country. The ten years expired in April 1834, and we understand that formal notice has been given by the Governor of the Russian Colonies to the masters of the American ships then trading there that they could no longer claim, under the Convention, the right of landing at all the landing-places, without distinction, belonging to Russia on that coast. Those interested in the trade will not fail to observe that under the IIud Article of the