You will, therefore, have the goodness to take the necessary measures that this decision may take effect from the 1st of July 1862, and that the introduction of negroes recruited on the coast of Africa subsequently to that date be forbidden in our colonies.

And so, &c.

(Signed)

NAPOLEON.

A true copy.

The Minister Secretary of State for the Department of Foreign Affairs, (Signed) THOUVENEL.

APPENDIX No. 48.

KOORIA MOORIA ISLANDS.

THIS Indenture made the Twenty-seventh day of June 1861, between Her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria of the one part, and William Dixon, Hugh Dixon, and Launcelot Dixon, trading under the firm of William Dixon and Co., of Liverpool in the county of Lancaster, merchants, (herein-after called the licensees,) of the other part.

Whereas the said licensees have applied for permission to remove from three of the Kooria Mooria Islands, on the south coast of Arabia, named Jibleea, Haski, and Ghurzood (being part of the dominions of Her Majesty), and import into England about 20,000 tons of a certain kind of deposit known under the description of "guano crusts," to which application Her Majesty has been pleased to accede, subject to the conditions and stipulations herein-after contained.

Now this indenture witnesseth, that subject to the stipulations herein-after contained, Her said Majesty doth hereby grant to the said licensees liberty and permission to raise and import into England, to the extent of 20,000 tons, guano crusts from the said Kooria Mooria Islands, with permission to construct on the said islands all such sheds, huts, stores, jetties, and other works and buildings as may be requisite for that purpose.

Provided nevertheless, that no exclusive right or privilege of any kind is hereby granted or intended to be granted to the said licensees, Her said Majesty reserving to herself full power to make any arrangements or disposition with reference to the said islands, or to the guano, guano crusts, or other deposits thereon, or otherwise, as to Her said Majesty may seem fit.

And this indenture further witnesseth, that the said licensees, for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do hereby jointly and separately covenant with Her said Majesty, her heirs and successors, as follows ; that is to say, that the said licensees will not assign or underlet the present licence ; that they will use all due diligence to raise and take away within the