

possessions desiring to withdraw from the Convention, a notification to that effect shall be made by Her Britannic Majesty's representative at Paris to the French Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Done in 26 copies at Paris, 14th March 1884.

[Signatures follow as above.]

Declaration Explanatory of Articles II and IV Signed at Paris 1st December, 1886

The Undersigned Plenipotentiaries of the Signatory Governments of the Convention of the 14th March, 1884, for the protection of submarine cables, having recognized the expediency of stating precisely the meaning of the terms of Articles II and IV of the said Convention, have agreed upon the following Declaration by common consent.

Certain doubts having been raised as to the meaning of the word "wilfully" used in article two of the Convention of the fourteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, it is understood that the provision in respect of penal responsibility contained in the said article does not apply to cases of breakage or injury caused accidentally or of necessity in the repair of a cable, when all precautions have been taken to avoid such breakage or injury.

It is equally understood that article four of the Convention had no other object and is to have no other effect, than to empower the competent tribunals of each country to decide in conformity with their laws and according to the circumstances the question of the civil responsibility of the owner of a cable, who, in laying or repairing his own cable, breaks or injures another cable, as well as the consequences of such responsibility, if it is recognized as existing.

Done at Paris 1st December, 1886.

[Signatures follow.]

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SUPPLEMENTARY CONVENTION BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE EXTRADITION OF CRIMINALS.—SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, JULY 12, 1889.

(Ratifications exchanged at London, March 11, 1890)

Whereas by Article X of the Treaty concluded between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America on the 9th day of August, 1842, provision is made for the extradition of persons charged with certain crimes.

And whereas it is now desired by the High Contracting Parties that the provisions of the said Articles should embrace certain crimes not therein specified, and should extend to fugitives convicted of the crimes specified in the said Article and in this Convention;

The said High Contracting Parties have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for this purpose, that is to say:—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Sir Julian Pauncefote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order

¹ From British & Foreign State Papers, Vol. 81, p. 41.