Sir M. Lampson to Dr. Wang

Nanking, December 20, 1928.

MINISPEY OF POREIGN APPAIRS Sir, With reference to the treaty concluded this day between His Britannic Majesty and the President of the National Government of the Republic of China I. I. China, I have the honour to state that it is my understanding that the ad valorem rates of days the honour to state that it is my understanding that the ad valorem rates of days the National Customs Tariff tates of duty or the specific rates based thereon in the National Customs Tariff to be adont to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which were discussed the National Government are the same as the rates which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference of 1926, and that these that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods: furthermore, that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods for the period of at that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods for the period of at these will remain the maximum rates on such goods for the period of at the tariff; and that two months' least one year from the date of enforcement of the tariff: and that two months' notice will be given of the coming into force of the said tariff.

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I avail, &c., MILES W. LAMPSON.

Dr. Wang to Sir M. Lampson

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, Nanking, December 20, 1928.

Excellency,—With reference to Your Excellency's note of to-day's date, I have the honour to confirm the correctness of your understanding that the ad valorem rates of duty or the specific rates based thereon in the national customs to duty or the specific rates based thereon in the national customs to the same as the customs tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the customs tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the customs tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the rates which the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the same as the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the custom tariff to be adopted by the National Government are the custom tariff to be adopted by the custom tariff to be custom tariff to be adopted by the custom tariff to be adopted b rates which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference, which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the Tariff Conference which the tariff Co ence which were discussed and provisionally agreed upon at the faithful goods: furthermore and that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods: furthermore, that these will remain the maximum rates to be levied on beriod of the tariff: and that period of at least one year from the date of enforcement of the tariff: and that two months? two months' notice will be given of the coming into force of the said tariff.

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Furthermore, I am glad to be able to confirm, on behalf of the National Government, the terms of their proclamation of the 20th July, 1927, and to give you the confirm, the terms of their proclamation of the 20th July, 1927, and to give you the confirm that goods having You the assurance which you request that it is their intention that goods having once baid in accordance with the rates Once he assurance which you request that it is their intention that go imposed import duty to the Maritime Customs in accordance with the rates imposed import duty to the Maritime Customs it ariff will be freed as soon as imposed import duty to the Maritime Customs in accordance as soon as possible for the new or any subsequent national tariff will be freed as soon as possible for the new or any subsequent national tariff will be freed as soon as possible from any levies of the nature specified in the above-mentioned proclama-

I avail, &c., CHENGTING T. WANG.