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AND OF THE

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FRANCE.

The French Ambassadors to Mr. Balfour.

M. le Secrétaire d'État, *Londres, le 8 octobre, 1918.*

VOTRE Excellence a bien voulu me faire connaître que le Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique était disposé à renouveler pour une période de cinq années, à partir de la date de son expiration, la Convention d'Arbitrage conclue entre nos Gouvernements le 14 octobre, 1903, et déjà renouvelée deux fois depuis lors.

J'ai eu l'honneur de faire connaître à votre Excellence que, de son côté, le Gouvernement de la République était également disposé à accepter le renouvellement de cet accord dans les conditions indiquées par le Gouvernement Britannique.

Si cette manière de procéder convient à votre Excellence, il sera entendu que la présente note et la réponse que votre Excellence voudra bien me faire parvenir serviront à constater l'entente intervenue entre nos deux Gouvernements.

Veuillez, &c.

PAUL CAMBON.

(Translation.)

M. le Secrétaire d'État, *London, October 8, 1918.*

YOUR Excellency was good enough to inform me that His Britannic Majesty's Government were prepared to renew, for a period of five years from the date of its expiration, the Arbitration Agreement concluded between our Governments on the 14th October, 1903, and renewed on two occasions since that date.

I had the honour to inform your Excellency that the French Government were, on their part, equally prepared to accept the

renewal of this Agreement on the conditions indicated by His Majesty's Government.

Should your Excellency agree, it will be understood that the present note and your Excellency's reply will serve to place on record the understanding arrived at between our two Governments.

Accept, &c.

PAUL CAMBON.

Mr. Balfour to the French Ambassador.

Your Excellency,

Foreign Office, October 8, 1918.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this day's date, informing me that the French Government are prepared to renew, for a further period of five years from the 14th instant, the Arbitration Agreement concluded between the Governments of Great Britain and France on the 14th October, 1903, on the understanding that His Majesty's Government are equally prepared to agree to such renewal.

I have the honour to accept, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the proposal that the Agreement in question should be renewed for a further period of five years dating from the 14th instant, and the present exchange of notes between your Excellency and myself is accordingly regarded by them as placing upon record the understanding arrived at between our respective Governments in the matter.

I have, &c.

ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR.

ITALY.

The Italian Ambassador to Earl Curzon of Kedleston.

Signor Conte,

Londra, 31 Gennaio 1919.

IN risposta alla nota di vostra Eccellenza del 27 dicembre scorso, ho l'onore d'informarla che il Governo del Re è anch'esso disposto a rinnovare per cinque anni, dalla data della sua scadenza, la Convenzione di Arbitrato conclusa fra il Governo Britannico e quello Italiano il 1° febbraio 1904 e rinnovata nel gennaio 1914 a mezzo di scambio di note, fra me ed il predecessore di vostra Eccellenza.

Qualora questo modo di procedere convenga a vostra Eccellenza, resterà inteso che la presente nota e la risposta che ella vorrà darle, serviranno a constatare l'intesa intervenuta al riguardo fra i nostri due Governi.

Gradisca, &c.

IMPERIALI.

(Translation.)

My Lord,

London, January 31, 1919.

IN reply to your Excellency's note of the 27th December last, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the King are also ready to renew for five years from the date of its expiration the

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Arbitration Agreement concluded between the British Government and the Italian Government on the 1st February, 1904, and renewed in January 1914 by an exchange of notes between myself and your Excellency's predecessor.

Should your Excellency agree to this procedure, it will be understood that this note and your Excellency's reply will serve to place on record the understanding arrived at on the subject between our two Governments.

I have, &c.
IMPERIALI.

Earl Curzon of Kedleston to the Italian Ambassador.

Your Excellency, *Foreign Office, January 31, 1919.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this day's date informing me that the Italian Government are prepared to renew, for a further period of five years, the Arbitration Agreement concluded between the Governments of Great Britain and Italy on the 1st February, 1904, and renewed by the exchange of notes of the 31st January, 1914, on the understanding that His Majesty's Government are equally prepared to agree to such further renewal.

I have the honour, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, to accept this proposal, and the present exchange of notes between your Excellency and myself is accordingly regarded by them as placing upon record the understanding arrived at between our respective Governments in the matter.

I have, &c.
CURZON OF KEDLESTON.

SPAIN.

The Spanish Ambassador to Earl Curzon of Kedleston.

My Lord, *Londres, 1º de Febrero de 1919.*

DESEOSO el Gobierno de Su Majestad el Rey de España, mi augusto Soberano, de ver continuados los efectos del Convenio de Arbitraje entre España y la Gran Bretaña del 27 de Febrero de 1904 ya prorrogado en 27 de Febrero de 1909 y 27 de Febrero de 1914, y constándole la existencia del mismo deseo por parte del Gobierno de Su Majestad Británica, da por prorrogado dicho pacto por un nuevo plazo de cinco años á contar desde el día 26 del mes corriente.

Aprovecho, &c.
ALFONSO MERRY DEL VAL.

(Translation.)

My Lord, *London, February 1, 1919.*

THE Government of His Majesty the King of Spain, my august Sovereign, being desirous of maintaining the purposes of the Arbitration Agreement between Spain and Great Britain of the 27th February, 1904, which was prolonged on the 27th February, 1909, and the

27th February, 1914, and being aware of the same desire on the part of His Britannic Majesty's Government, consider the said Agreement prolonged for a fresh period of five years, counting from the 26th of the present month.

I avail, &c.

ALFONSO MERRY DEL VAL.

Earl Curzon of Kedleston to the Spanish Ambassador.

Your Excellency,

Foreign Office, February 1, 1919.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of this day's date expressing the desire of the Spanish Government to maintain in force for a further period of five years the Arbitration Agreement between the United Kingdom and Spain, which was signed on the 27th February, 1904, and has been successively prolonged for similar periods commencing on the 27th February, 1909, and the 27th February, 1914, respectively.

His Majesty's Government, who are animated by the same desire, note that the Spanish Government consider the Agreement in question prolonged for a fresh period of five years, dating from the 26th instant. His Majesty's Government, on their part, equally consider the Agreement prolonged for the same period, and the present exchange of notes between your Excellency and myself is accordingly regarded by them as placing on record the understanding arrived at between our respective Governments in the matter.

I have, &c.

CURZON OF KEDLESTON.

UNITED STATES.

Agreement signed at Washington, June 3, 1918.

[*Ratifications exchanged at Washington, September 24, 1918.*]

HIS Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and the President of the United States of America, being desirous of extending for another five years the period during which the Arbitration Convention concluded between them on April 4, 1908, extended by the agreement concluded between the two Governments on May 31, 1913, shall remain in force, have authorised the undersigned, to wit: The Earl of Reading, His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary on Special Mission to the United States, and Robert Lansing, Secretary of State of the United States, to conclude the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1.

The Convention of Arbitration of April 4, 1908, between the Government of His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and the Government of the United States of America, the duration of which by Article 4 thereof was fixed at a period of five years from the date of the exchange of ratifications of the said Convention on June 4, 1908, which period by the Agreement of May 31, 1913, between the two Governments, was extended for five years from June 4, 1913, is hereby extended and continued in force for the further period of five years from June 4, 1918.

ARTICLE 2.

The present agreement shall be ratified by His Britannic Majesty, and by the President of the United States of America, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and it shall become effective upon the date of the exchange of ratifications which shall take place at Washington as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate, this third day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

(L.S.)

READING:

(L.S.)

ROBERT LANSING.