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between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom
and the Government of Siam

regarding the

Right of Evocation from Siamese Courts

under the Treaty of July 14, 1925

Bangkok, November 23, 1937

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No. 1.

Sir J. Crosby to Luang Pradist Manudharm.

British Legation,

M. le Ministre,

Bangkok, November 23, 1937.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have had under sympathetic consideration the request of the Siamese Government that they should abandon forthwith the right which is secured to His Majesty The King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, by Article 2 of the Protocol annexed to the Treaty between the United Kingdom and Siam for the Revision of their mutual Treaty arrangements, signed at London on the 14th July, 1925,⁽¹⁾ to evoke from the Siamese Courts cases in which a British subject or company is defendant or accused.

2. I now have the honour, upon instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are prepared to accede to the request of the Siamese Government. They accordingly renounce the said right, with effect from this date, on the understanding that within twelve months from the date of the present note the Siamese Government will submit to the Assembly of the People's Representatives an Act on the Conflict of Laws embodying the normal principles of private international law (including especially the law of nationality in matters of personal status); and that pending the promulgation of such an act, the Siamese Courts will continue to apply these principles in all cases concerning British subjects and British protected persons.

I avail, &c.

J. CROSBY.

His Majesty's Minister.

(1) "Treaty Series No. 7 (1926)," Cmd. 2642.

No. 2.

Luang Pradist Manudharm to Sir J. Crosby.

Ministry for Foreign Affairs,

Bangkok, November 23, 1937.

M. le Ministre,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of to-day's date regarding the abandonment of the right of evocation. In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the Siamese Government will submit to the Assembly of the People's Representatives within twelve months from this date, an Act on the Conflict of Laws embodying the normal principles of international law (including especially the law of nationality in matters of personal status).

2. I have the honour to add that in the meantime, that is to say, as from this date and pending the promulgation of the Act on the Conflict of Laws, the Siamese Courts will continue to apply these principles, as heretofore, in all cases concerning British subjects and British protected persons.

I avail, &c.

LUANG PRADIST MANUDHARM,

Minister for Foreign Affairs.

