

MADAGASCAR.

TREATY *between Great Britain and Madagascar. Signed at Tamatave, 23d October, 1817.*

Robert Townsend Farquhar, Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief, Captain General, Vice-Admiral of the Island of Mauritius and its dependencies :

By His Commissioners, Captain Stanfell of the Royal Navy, commanding His Majesty's ship *Phaëton*, and T. R. Pye, Esq. Assistant-Agent for His Excellency's Government at Madagascar, who are vested with full Powers, and Radama King of Madagascar and its Dependencies, by His Commissioners Ratzalika, Rampoole Ramanou and Raciahato—representing the said Radama, and with full Powers from His Majesty—

Have agreed upon the following Articles and Conditions :

I. It is agreed by the Parties to these presents, respectively, that the mutual confidence, friendship, and brotherhood, which are hereby acknowledged to subsist between the Contracting Parties shall be maintained and perpetuated for ever.

II. It is agreed, and the two Contracting Parties hereby covenant and agree that, from the date of this Treaty, there shall be an entire cessation and extinction through all the Dominions of King Radama, and wherever his influence can extend, of the sale or transfer of slaves, or other persons whatever; to be removed from off the soil of Madagascar into any country, island, or dominion of any other Prince, Potentate, or Power whatever; and that Radama, King of Madagascar will make a proclamation and a law prohibiting all his subjects, or persons depending on him or his dominions, to sell any slave to be transported from Madagascar, or to aid or abet, or assist, in

any such sale, under penalty that any person so offending shall be reduced to slavery himself.

III. And in consideration of this concession on the part of Radama, the King of Madagascar and His nation, and in full satisfaction for the same, and for the loss of revenue thereby incurred by Radama, King of Madagascar, the Commissioners on the part of His Excellency the Governor of Mauritius, do engage to pay Radama, yearly, the following articles :

One thousand dollars in gold.

One thousand dollars in silver.

One hundred barrels of Powder of 100 lbs. each.

One hundred English muskets, complete, with accoutrements.

Ten thousand flints.

Four hundred red jackets.

Four hundred shirts.

Four hundred pair of trowsers.

Four hundred pair of shoes.

Four hundred soldiers' caps.

Four hundred stocks.

Twelve serjeants' swords, regulation, with belts.

Four hundred pieces of white cloth. } India.

Two hundred pieces of blue cloth. }

A full-dress coat, hat, and boots, all complete, for King Radama ;—and

Two horses.

upon a certificate being received, that the said laws and regulations and proclamations have been enforced the preceding quarter ; which certificate shall be signed by Radama, and countersigned by the agent of His Excellency Governor Farquhar, resident at the Court of Radama.

IV. And further, it is agreed by the Contracting Parties mutually to protect the faithful friend and ally of England, the King of Johanna, from the predatory attacks to which he has been for many years annually exposed from some of the smaller States of the sea-coast of Madagascar ; and to use every means in their power, by their subjects, allies, and dependents, to put a final end to this system of piracy ; and for this purpose, pro-

clamations shall be made by Radama and the Governor of Mauritius, prohibiting all persons whatever from engaging in this piracy; and these proclamations shall be particularly distributed in the ports and on the sea-coast of Madagascar.

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE.

The Contracting Parties agree in considering this Treaty as provisional, until ratified and confirmed by His Majesty's Ministers on the part of the King of Great Britain,—which Ratification will be forwarded, without loss of time, to the King of Madagascar (Radama) by His Ambassador to that Court. This formality, however, is not to prevent the stipulations of the Treaty from being carried into full and complete effect from the date hereof.

Done at Tamatave, Island of Madagascar, October 23, 1817.

Signed

FRANCIS STANFELL,
 Captain H. M. S. Phaëton,
 Senior Naval Officer and
 Commissioner.

RATZALIKA for RADAMA.
 RAMPOOLE RAMANOU.
 RACIAHATO.
 RAMALAZA, as Witness.

THOS. R. PYE,
 Agent of the British Go-
 vernment and Commis-
 sioner.

MADAGASCAR.

PROCLAMATION of Radama, King of Madagascar, for the
Abolition of the Slave Trade. 23d October, 1817*.

INHABITANTS OF MADAGASCAR, *(Translation.)*

You are none of you ignorant of the friendship we enjoy with the Governor of the Mauritius, and the devoted attachment we have avowed to him. His attention, unlike that of all other foreign nations that have visited our shores, has been directed to increase our happiness and prosperity; he has never deprived us of our rights or our properties; he has not suffered the white men to carry off our children into slavery; he has sent us people to teach us arts and industry unknown before, to defend us against our enemies, and to prevent famine, by more extensive cultivation.

We are happier and safer since the establishment of British dominion in our neighbourhood; and we are grateful to our good Father, who has produced for us these blessings.

His nation and King have made laws to prevent you from being carried out of your island into slavery; and he has punished such of the whites as have presumed to violate this law.

He has called on us to assist him in this work, for our own benefit; and he has promised his powerful assistance to punish such as may be refractory and disobedient.

We willingly agree to this proposal of our Father; and we hereby declare, that if any of our subjects or persons depending upon our power, shall henceforward be guilty of selling any slave or other person, for the purpose of being transported from the island of Madagascar, the person guilty shall be punished, by being reduced to slavery himself, and his property shall be forfeited to me.

Let my subjects then who have slaves, employ them in planting rice and other provisions, and in taking care of their flocks, in collecting bees-wax and gums, and in manufacturing

* See Treaty with Great Britain, signed the same day. Vol. I. Page 354.

cloths and other articles which they can sell. I set them the first example myself, by abandoning the tax payable to me upon the sale of slaves for exportation.

I direct my brother, Jean René, and other chiefs upon the sea coast, to seize for their own use and profit all such slaves as may be attempted to be exported in their respective provinces. They will also give every support and assistance to the Government Agent of Mauritius in the execution of his duties.

I command all my subjects and dependents, and invite all my Allies, to abstain from any maritime predatory excursion whatever; and more particularly neither to practise nor allow of any attack or attempt upon the friends of our Ally the British nation.

It has been usual to make an annual attack upon the sultan of Johanna and the Comoro islands. Our good friend the Governor of Mauritius dissolved the meditated attack of last year; and we now join with him in forbidding any further enmity to the King or inhabitants of the Comoro Archipelago, or other islands on the coast of Africa or north Archipelago, under the pain of our most severe displeasure, and of incurring the punishment due to pirates, of whatever nation or people they may be.

Such is my will; let it be known to every inhabitant of this island: it is for their own happiness and their own safety to pay obedience to this proclamation.

Tamatave, Island of Madagascar, 23d October, 1817.

RATZILIKA, RACIHATO,	} Commissioners for Radama.
RAMPOOLE, RAMALAYA,	
RAMANOW,	

Approved, R. T. FARQUHAR.
