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AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.

THE TREATY below is one of such great inter-

est, and at present, a matter of such animated

discussion, that we are certain our readers will

THE QUINTUPLE TREATY.

such traffic piracy. Their majesties further de-

clare, that any vessel which may attempt to car-

ry on the slave trade shall, by the fact alone,

plish the object of the present treaty, the high

contracting parties agree by common consent,

that those of their ships of war which shall be

provided with special warrants and orders, pre-

pared according to the forms of the annex A of

the present treaty, may search every merchant

vessel belonging to any one of the high contract-

ing parties which shall, on reasonable grounds,

be suspected of being engaged in the traffic in

slaves, or of having been titted out for that pur-

pose, or of having been engaged in the traffic

during the voyage in which she shall have been

met with by the said cruisers; and that such

cruisers may detain, and send, or carry away

such vessels in order that they may be brought

Nevertheless, the abovementioned right of

searching the merchant vessel of any one or the

other of the high contracting parties shall be ex-

ercised only by ships of war whose commanders

shall have the rank of captain or that of lieuten-

ant in the royal or imperial navy, unless the

command shall, by reason of death or otherwise.

have devolved upon an officer of inferior rank

The commander of such ship of war shall be

annexed to the present treaty, under letter A.

furnished with warrants according to the form

The said mutual right of search shall not be

exercised within the Mediterranean sea. More-

over, the space within which the exercise of the

the north, by the 32d parallel of north latitude:

on the west, by the eastern coast of America,

from the point where the 32d parallel of north

latitude strikes that coast, down to the 45th par-

allel of south latitude: on the south, by the 45th

parallel of south latitude, from the point where

to the 80th degree of longitude east from the

meridian of Greenwich: and on the east, by the

same degree of longitude, from the point where

it is intersected by the 45th parallel of south lati-

tions on which the said ships shall cruise.

tude up to the coast of India.

that parallel strikes the eastern coast of America

to trial in the manner hereafter agreed upon.

ART. II. In order more completely to accom-

lose all right to the protection of their flag,

Signed at London, Dec. 20, 1841.

Norfolk,

Philadelphia,

New York.

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be glad to see it entire.

ment which employs the cruisers. exercised upon the ships of war of the contract- | sels. Baltimore, Md. ing parties.

a particular signal, to be used exclusively by | vessels engaged in lawful trade. those cruisers which shall be invested with the right of search.

sary for the execution of the present treaty.

ART. V. The cruisers of the high contracting parties authorised to exercise the right of search and detention in execution of the present treaty | tanks, than is requisite for the consumption of shall conform themselves strictly to the instructions annexed to the said treaty, under letter B in all that relates to the formalities of the search and of the detention, as well as to the measures to be taken, in order that the vessels suspected of having been 'employed in the traffic may be delivered over to the competent tribunals.

The high contracting parties reserve to themselves the right of making in these instructions ART. 1. Their majesties the Emperor of by common consent, such alterations as circum-Austria, king of Hungary and Bohemia, the stances may render necessary.

king of Prussia, and the Emperor of all the Rus-The cruisers of the high contracting parties sians, engage to prohibit all trade in slaves, eishall mutually afford to each other assistance in merchant vessel. ther by their respective subjects, or under their all cases when it may be useful that they should respective flags, or by means of capital belongact in concert.

ing to their respective subjects, and to declare ART. VI. Whenever a merchant vessel, sailing under the flag of one of the high contracting | crew of such merchant vessel; or more than one | the masters and the owners of the vessel and of parties, shall have been detained by a cruiser of boiler, or other cooking apparatus, of the ordin. | the cargo. the other, duly authorised to that effect, con- ary size. formably to the provisions of the present treaty, such merchant vessel, as well as the master, the flour of Brazill manioc, or cassado, commonly gainst the detained vessel, her master, crew, and crew, the cargo, and the slaves who may be one called farina, or of maize, or of Indian corn, or cargo, shall have been instituted; and the govhigh contracting parties shall have respectively the probable wants of the crew; unless such shall have given occasion for such award shall designated for that purpose, and they shall be | quantity of rice, farina, maize, Indian corn, or | belong, shall pay the amount of the said costs delivered over to the authorities appointed with any other article of food, should be entered on and damages within the period of six months that view by the government within whose pos- | the manifest, as forming a part of the trading | from the date of the sentence, when the sentence session such place is situated, in order that pro- | cargo of the vessel. ceedings may be had with respect to them before the competent tribunals in the manner than is necessary for the use of such merchant the trial shall have taken place out of Europe.

hereafter specified. When the commander of the cruiser shall not on the manifest as forming part of the cargo. think fit to undertake himself the bringing in

one of the high contracting parties should have | master or the owners shall furnish clear and in- | claim; and such declaration shall be made by reason to suspect that a merchant, vessel sailing | controvertible evidence, proving to the satisfac- | him before the competent authorities of the first under the convoy of, or in company with, a | tion of the tribunal that at the time of her deten- port of his own country at which he shall arrive, ship of war of one of the other contracting par- tion or capture the vessel was employed in a or before the consular agent of his own nation known his suspicions to the commander of the | board at the time of detention, or which might | such an agent. ship of war, who shall proceed alone to search have been embarked during the voyage on which suspicion is well founded, he shall cause the ves- ful object of her voyage. sel, as well as the master, the crew, the cargo, ART. X. Proceedings shall be immediately and a formal statement of the whole shall be and the slaves who may be on board, to be tak- taken against the vessel detained, as above stat- drawn up, two copies whereof shall be delivered said right shall be confined shall be bounded, on en into a port belonging to the nation of the ed, her master, her crew, and her cargo, before to the master, who shall forward one of them to detained vessel, to be there proceeded against the competent tribunals of the country, to which his government, in support of his claim for costs hereafter directed.

detained, and sent in for adjudication, shall article the proceedings that the said vessel was employ- ing his declaration, it may be made by the owner at the port to which she is to be carried in con- ed in the slave trade, or fitted out for that formity with annex B, to the present treaty, the traffic, the vessel, her fittings, and her cargo of commander of the cruiser which shall have de- merchandise, shall be confiscated; and the mas- sel tained her, or the officer appointed to bring her | ter, the crew, and their accomplices, shall be in, shall deliver to the authorities appointed for | dealt with conformably to the laws by which that purpose a copy, signed by himself, of all they shall have been tried. ties which may choose to employ cruisers for | cified in the instructions annexed to the present | sale of the aforesaid vessel shall, within the space the suppression of the slave trade, and to exer- | treaty, under letter B; and the said authorities | of six months, reckoning from the date of the cise the mutual right of search, reserves to itself | shall proceed, in consequence, to the search of | sale, be placed at the disposal of the governployed on the service stipulated in the second | may be on board, after having previously given | ed in conformity with the laws of that counarticle of the present treaty, as well as the sta- notice of the time of such search and inspection try. to the commander of the cruiser, or to the officer The names of the ships appointed for this pur- | who shall have brought in the vessel, in order | in article IX of the present treaty is found on pose, and those of their commanders, shall be that he, or some person whom he may appoint board a merchant vessel, or if it is proved to gage reciprocally to communicate to each other, communicated by each of the high contracting to represent him, may be present thereat.

thence, in order that the necessary warrants may shall have been present at, the same; and one case be granted, either to the master, or to the treaty

the search, and returned to those governments commander of the cruiser, or to the officer ap- equipment or in the lading, even though a sen-

or other of the five nations, which shall be of her detention. ART. IV. Immediately after the government searched and detained in virtue of the provisions which employs the cruisers shall have notifical of the present treaty, shall, unless proof be given | shall have been detained in conformity with the to the government which is to authorize the to the contrary, be deemed to have been engaged present treaty, as having been employed in the search the number and the names of the cruiser in the slave trade, or to have been fitted out for slave trade, or fitted out for that traffic, and which it intends to employ, the warrants author that traffic, if in the fitting, in the equipment, or ising the search shall be made out according to | on board the said vessel during the voyage in | fiscated, the government of the cruiser which the form annexed to the present treaty, under, which she was detained, there shall be found to shall have made the capture, or the government letter A, and shall be delivered by the govern- Lave been one of the articles hereafter specified, whose tribunal shall have condernate a vessel

ment which authorises the search to the govern- that is to say-1. Hatches with open gratings, instead of the In no case shall the mutual right of search be close hatches which are used in merchant ves- petent person, selected for that purpose by the

2. Divisions or bulk-heads, in the hold or on The high contracting parties shall agree upon | deck, in greater number than is necessary for | of preference in the purchase of the vessel. But

> a second slave-deck. 4. Shackles, bolts or handcuffs.

5. A larger quantity of water, in casks, or in having been broken up.

the crew of such merchant vessel. 6. An extraordinary number of water casks, or of other receptacles for holding liquid, unless | present treaty was not engaged in the slave trade. the master shall produce a certificate from the and was not fitted out for that traffic, she shall custom-house at the place from which he cleared | be restored to the lawful owner or owners. And outward, stating that sufficient security had if, in the course of the proceedings, it shall have been given by the owners of such vessel that been proved that the vessel was searched and such extra number of casks or of other recepta- detained illegally, or without sufficient cause of cles should only be used to hold palm-oil or for suspicion; or that the search and dentention other purposes of lawful commerce.

than are requisite for the use of the crew of such | have boarded the said vessel, or the officers who

unusual size, and larger, or capable of being made larger, than requisite for the use of the

board, shall be brought into such place as the of any other article of tood whatever, beyond ermnent of the country to which the officer who

vessel, unless such mats or matting be entered ART. XIV. When in the search or detent on

and the delivery up of the detained vessel, he | ticles above specified are on board, or have been | been committed, and when the vessel shall not shall intrust that duty to an officer of the rank on board during the voyage in which the vessel have been delivered over to the jurisdiction of of lieutenant in the royal or imperial navy, or | was captured, that fact shall be considered as pri- | her own nation, the master shall make a declarat least to the officer who shall at the time be | ma facie evidence that the vessel was employed | ation upon oath of the abuses or vexation of third in authority on board the detaining ship. | in the traffic; she shall in consequence be con- | which he shall have to complain, as well as of ART. VII. If the commander of a cruiser of demned, and declared lawful prize, unless the the costs and damages to which he shall law ties, has been engaged in the slave trade, or has lawful undertaking; and that such of the differ- at a foreign port, if the vessel shall in the first been fitted out for that trade, he shall make ent articles above specified as were found on instance touch at a foreign port where there is the suspected vessel; and in case the last men- she was engaged when she was captured, were tioned commander should ascertain that the indispensable for the accomplishment of the law- sons amongst the crew or the passengers who

before the competent tribunals, in the manner | she belongs; and they shall be tried and adjudg- | and damages. ed according to the established forms and laws ART. VIII. As soon as a merchant vessel in force in that country; and if it results from youd control shall prevent the master from mak-

ART. XI. If any one of the articles specified him. have been on board of her during the voyage when asked to do so, and without expense, coparties to the others; and they shall reciprocally | A minute of these proceedings shall be drawn | in which she was captured, no compensation | pies of the proceedings instituted, and of the apprise each other every time that a cruiser shall up in duplicate, which shall be signed by the for losses, damages, or expenses, consequent judgments given, relative to vessels searched or be placed on a station, or shall be recalled persons who shall have taken part in, or who upon the detention of such vessel, shall in any detained in execution of the provisions of this

be delivered by the governments authorising of these documents shall be delivered to the owner, or to any other person interested in the by the government which has received them, pointed by him to bring in the detained vessel. tence of condemnation should not have been when those warrants shall no longer be neces- ART. IX. Every merchant vessel of any one pronounced against the vessel, as a consequence

> ART. XII. In all cases in which a vessel shall, in consequence, have been tried and cormay purchase the condemned vere the service of its royal navy, at a price fixed y a comsaid tribunal. The government whose cruiser shall have made the capture shall have a right if the condemned vessel should not be purchased 3. Spare plank fitted for being laid down as in the manner above pointed out, she shall be wholly broken up immediately after the sentence of confiscation, and sold in separate portions after

> ART. XIII. When by the sentence of the competent tribunal it shall have been ascertained that a merchant vessel detained in virtue of the were attended with abuse or vexation, the com-7. A greater quantity of mess-tubs or kids | mander of the cruiser or the officer who shall shall have been intrusted with bringing her in, 8. A boiler, or other cooking apparatus, of an and under whose authority, according to the na. ture of the case, the abuse or vexation shall have occurred shall be liable in costs and damages to

> These costs and damages may be awarded by 9. An extraordinary quantity of rice of the the tribunal before which the proceedings ashall have been pronounced by a tribunal sitting 10. A quantity of mats or matting greater | in Europe; & within the period of one year when

> of a merchant vessel effected in virtue of the If it is established that one or more of the ar- present treaty any abuse or vexation shall have

This declaration shall be verified by means of an examination upon oath of the principle pershall have witnessed the search or detention;

It is understood, that if any circumstances beof the vessel, or by any other person interested in the equipment or in the lading of the ves-

On a copy of the formal statement above mentioned being officially transmitted to it, the government of the country to which the officer to ART. III. Each of the high contracting par- the lists, declarations, and other documents spe- In case of confiscation, the proceeds of the whom the abuses or vexations shall be imputed shall belong, shall forthwith institute an inquiry; and if the validity of the complaint shall be ascertained, that government shall cause to fix, according to its own convenience, the the detained vessel, and of her cargo as also to ment of the country to which the ship which to be paid to the master or the owner, or to number of the ships of war which shall be em- | an inspection of her crew, and of the slaves who | made the capture belongs, in order to be employ- | any other person interested in the equipment of lading of the molested vessel, the amount of costs and damages which shall be due to

ART. XV. The high contracting parties en-

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