

vessels of their respective countries while in the ports of the other country, and to conclude a treaty for the above purpose: the high contracting parties have accordingly appointed as their Plenipotentiaries to conclude the said treaty, that is to say,—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland—Sir Julian Pauncefote, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States; and

The President of the United States of America—James G. Blaine, Secretary of State of the United States;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers found in due and good form, have agreed upon the following articles:—

ARTICLE I.

The Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents of either of the high contracting parties, residing in the dominions, possessions, or colonies of the other, shall have power to require from the proper authorities the assistance provided by law for the apprehension, recovery, and restoration of seamen who may desert from any ship belonging to a subject or citizen of their respective countries while in the ports of the other country. If, however, any such deserter shall have committed any crime or offence in the country where he is found, his surrender or restoration may be delayed until the proper tribunal before which the case shall be pending, or may be cognisable, shall have pronounced its sentence and the sentence shall have been carried into effect.

It is understood that the preceding stipulations shall not apply to the subjects or citizens of the country where the desertion shall take place.

ARTICLE II.

The present treaty shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged, at London or at Washington without delay.

ARTICLE III.

The present treaty shall come into operation at the expiration of thirty days from the date of the exchange of ratifications. It shall remain in force for five years after that date, and thereafter until terminated by a twelve months' notice to be given by either high contracting party to the other.

In faith whereof we, the respective Plenipotentiaries, have signed this treaty, and have hereunto affixed our seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, this third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

(L.S.) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.
(L.S.) JAMES G. BLAINE.

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ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Seamen-deserters (United States).

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the eighteenth day of August, 1892.

Present: The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, Lord Chancellor, Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, Marquis of Salisbury, Marquis of Lothian, Lord George Hamilton, Viscount Cross, Secretary Lord Knutsford, Mr. Secretary Stanhope, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Balfour, Sir J. Parker Deane.

WHEREAS by "The Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," it is provided that, whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant-ships in the territories of any foreign Power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from merchant-ships belonging to a subject of such Power when within Her Majesty's dominions shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships, and may limit the operation of such order, and may render the operation thereof subject to such conditions and qualifications, if any, as may be deemed expedient:

And whereas it hath been made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities for recovering and apprehending seamen (not being citizens of the United States) who desert from British merchant-ships in the territories belonging to the said United States will be given under a treaty between Her Majesty and the President of the United States, signed at Washington on the third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, the ratifications of which were exchanged on the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in her by the said "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," and by and with the advice of her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that, from and after the publication hereof in the *London Gazette*, seamen, not being slaves and not being British subjects, who, within Her Majesty's dominions, desert from merchant-ships belonging to citizens of the United States shall be liable to be apprehended and carried on board their respective ships: Provided always that, if any such deserter has committed any crime in Her Majesty's dominions, he may be detained till he has been tried by a competent Court, and until his sentence, if any, has been carried into effect.

And the Secretary of State for the Home Department, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and the Secretary of State for India in Council are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. L. PEEL.