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(Slave Trade.)

P A P E R S

Presented to the House of Commons, by Command of His Royal Highness
THE PRINCE REGENT,
In the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

RELATIVE TO THE

Abolition of The SLAVE TRADE, by the Dutch Government :

VIZ.

- N^o 1.—Dispatch from the Earl of Clancarty to Viscount Castlereagh; dated The Hague, June 17th, 1814.
N^o 2.—Note from Mons^r de Nagell to the Earl of Clancarty; dated The Hague, June 17th, 1814: (With Translation.)
N^o 3.—Decree issued by His Royal Highness The Prince of ORANGE NASSAU, Sovereign Prince of The United Netherlands; dated The Hague, June 15th, 1814.

— 1. —

Copy of a DISPATCH from Lord CLANCARTY to Viscount
CASTLEREAGH, June 17, 1814.

(Copy.)

My Lord,

The Hague, June 17, 1814.

I have herewith the honour of transmitting to your Lordship, for the information of H. R. H. The Prince Regent, the Copy of H. Ex. M. de Nagell's Note, of this day's date, this moment received, covering a translated Copy also of the Decree issued by the Prince of ORANGE in Council, respecting the Abolition of the Slave Trade.

I should hope, that the line taken by the Dutch Government upon this important and interesting subject, will prove satisfactorily to coincide with the anxious views so strongly expressed by the orders I had received, and with the wishes of the British Nation in Parliament assembled.

I have the honour to be,

(Signed) CLANCARTY.

Viscount Castlereagh, K. G.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copie.)

— 2. —

M. DE NAGELL to the Earl of CLANCARTY.

The Hague, June 17, 1814.

LE soussigné Secrétaire d'Etat pour les Affaires Etrangères s'empresse de donner connoissance à S. E. Lord Clancarty, Ambassadeur Extra^e et Min. Plenip. de S. M. Britannique, que S. A. R. le Prince Souverain ayant pris connoissance de la Note de son Excellence, en date du 7 du courant, tendante à faire adopter à Son Altesse Royale les Mesures prohibitives pour le Commerce des
Esclaves,

PAPERS *relative to the Abolition of*

Esclaves, a pris, avant hier, un Decrèt, dont il a l'honneur de joindre ici une Traduction, par lequel, en conformité des désirs de S. A. R. Mons^{sr} le Prince Regent;—1°. La Tracte des Nègres sur la Côte d'Afrique est entièrement defendue; et 2°. S. A. R. exprime le vœu, que dans la Convention éventuelle pour la restitution des Colonies Hollandoises, il y ait un Article d'inséré, qui statue la prohibition du Commerce des Esclaves dans ces Colonies à perpetuité.

Le soussigné saisit, &c.

La Hague,
ce 17 Juin 1814.

(Signé)

A. W. C. DE NAGELL.

(Translation.)

M. DE NAGELL to the Earl of CLANCARTY.

June 17, 1814.

THE undersigned Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs hastens to make known to his Excellency H. B. M's Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, that H. R. H. The PRINCE SOVEREIGN having taken into consideration his Excellency's Note, dated on the 7th current, urging that H. R. H. should adopt measures for abolishing the Slave Trade; did issue the day before yesterday a Decree, of which the Undersigned has the honour to annex a Translation; by which, in conformity to the wishes of H. R. H. The Prince Regent;—(1°) The Slave Trade on the Coast of Africa is entirely forbidden; and (2°) His Royal Highness expresses a desire, that in the eventual Convention for the Restoration of the Dutch Colonies, there be inserted an Article which shall stipulate the Abolition of the Slave Trade in the said Colonies for ever.

The Undersigned, &c.

The Hague,
June 17, 1814.

(Signed)

A. W. C. DE NAGELL.

— 3. —

(Translation.)

DECREE, issued by The Prince of ORANGE, for the Abolition of the Slave Trade, June 15, 1814.

WE, WILLIAM, by the Grace of God, Prince of Orange Nassau, Sovereign Prince of the United Netherlands, &c. &c. &c.

HAVING heard the Report of our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, relative to the contents of a Note received by him from the Ambassador of Great Britain, bearing date the 7th instant, and tending to obtain our prompt and effectual assistance in the measures which Great Britain has already adopted for herself, and earnestly recommended to other European Powers, with regard to the Slave Trade:

And as we are desirous to embrace every opportunity to afford His Royal Highness the Prince Regent of Great Britain proofs of our amicable sentiments, and of our readiness to contribute, as much as possible, to the attainment of His views:

HAVE DECREED, AND DO DECREE,

Article 1.

Henceforward no Ships or Vessels destined to convey Negroes from the Coast of Africa, or from any Islands belonging to that quarter of the Globe, to the Continent, or to the Islands of America, shall be cleared out or expedited from any

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any of the Harbours or Roads within the territory of the United Netherlands.—The Financial Department being specially ordered to take such precautions that Our intentions in this respect be complied with, and that no Ship or Vessel be cleared out, which, from its equipment, or from other circumstances, may lead to a supposition of its being destined to the aforesaid purpose, or of being any way connected with the Slave Trade.

Article 2.

It shall be signified to the General Government of the Coast of Guinea, that in none of the Forts, Offices or Possessions, within the limits of that command, any Ships or Vessels destined or equipped for the Slave Trade shall be admitted; and also, that no inhabitants of that country, or any other persons in the vicinity of those Ports or Offices, shall be sold or exported as Slaves; and to such Ships or Vessels, in case they navigate under Foreign colours, notice shall be given of the existing prohibition, and they shall forthwith be ordered to put back to sea; whilst such vessels, belonging to the inhabitants of the Netherlands shall be seized, and a report thereof made to the Commercial and Colonial Department.

Article 3.

Copies of this Decree shall be sent to the Financial and to the Commercial and Colonial Departments, that they may respectively attend to the execution of the same; and also to Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who is ordered to communicate the contents of these presents;—

(1.) To the Ambassador of Great Britain, in answer to his aforesaid Note; adding, that at the eventual Negotiations relative to the restitution of the Dutch Colonies, we shall not be averse from having inserted in the Treaty, such an Article as shall continue to bind the Government of this State to the perpetual observance of the aforesaid measures, and to the effectual Prohibition of the Slave Trade.

2. To the Boards of Trade, for the information of the trading part of the inhabitants.

Given at The Hague, the 15th June in the year 1814,
and of Our Reign the First.

(Signed) WILLIAM.

By Order of His R^l H^{ch}

The Secretary Gen^l of State,
(Signed) *A. R. Falck.*

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