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THE EMPEROR OF BRAZIL,

FOR THE ABOLITION

OF

THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.

Signed at Rio de Janeiro, November 23, 1826.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament, by Command of His Majesty,
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WHEREAS, upon the separation of the Empire of Brazil from the Kingdom of Portugal, His Majesty The King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty The Emperor of Brazil, respectively acknowledge the obligation which devolves upon Them to renew, confirm, and give full effect to the stipulations of the Treaties subsisting between the Crowns of Great Britain and Portugal, for the regulation and final abolition of the African Slave Trade, in so far as these stipulations are binding upon Brazil:—

And whereas, in furtherance of that important object, His Majesty The King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty The Emperor of Brazil, are animated with a sincere desire to fix and define the period at which the total abolition of the said Trade, so far as relates to the Dominions and Subjects of the Brazilian Empire, shall take place, Their said Majesties have accordingly named as Their Plenipotentiaries to conclude a Convention for this purpose, that is to say:—

His Majesty The King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, The Right Honourable Robert Gordon, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Brazil:—And His Majesty The Emperor of Brazil, the Most Illustrious and Most Excellent Marquis of Iuhambupe, Senator of the Empire, of the Council of State, Dignitary of the Imperial Order of the Cross, Commander of the Order of Christ, and Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;—and the Most Illustrious and Most Excellent Marquis of Santo Amaro, Senator of the Empire, of the Council of State, Gentleman of the Imperial Chamber, Dignitary of the Imperial Order of the Cross, and Commander of the Orders of Christ, and of the Tower and Sword:—

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective Full Powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

At the expiration of three Years, to be reckoned from the exchange of the Ratifications of the present Treaty, it shall not be lawful for the Subjects of The Emperor of Brazil to be concerned in the carrying on of the African Slave Trade, under any pretext or in any manner whatever, and the carrying on of such Trade after that period, by any person, Subject of His Imperial Majesty, shall be deemed and treated as Piracy.

ARTICLE II.

His Majesty The King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty The Emperor of Brazil, deeming it necessary to declare the engagements by which They hold Themselves bound to provide for the regulation of the said Trade, till the time of it's final abolition, They hereby mutually agree to adopt and renew, as effectually as if the same were inserted, word for word, in this Convention, the several Articles and Provisions of the Treaties concluded between His Britannick Majesty and The King of Portugal on this subject, on the twenty-second of January 1815, and on the twenty-eighth of July 1817, and the several Explanatory Articles which have been added thereto.

ARTICLE III.

The High Contracting Parties further agree, that all the matters and things contained in those Treaties, together with the Instructions and Regulations, and forms of Instruments annexed to the Treaty of the twenty-eighth of July 1817,—shall be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the said High Contracting Parties and Their Subjects, as effectually as if they were recited, word for word, herein; confirming and approving hereby, all matters and things done by their respective Subjects under the said Treaties, and in execution thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

For the execution of the purposes of this Convention, the High Contracting Parties further agree to appoint forthwith Mixed Commissions, after the form of those already established on the part of His Britannick Majesty and The King of Portugal, under the Convention of the twenty-eighth of July 1817.

ARTICLE V.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London within four months from the date hereof, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the Seals of their Arms.

Done at Rio de Janeiro, the twenty-third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

(L.S.) ROBT. GORDON. (L.S.) MARQUEZ DE S. AMARO.
(L.S.) MARQUEZ DE INHAMBUPE.