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SLAVE TRADE. No. 3 (1884).

T R E A T Y

BETWEEN

H E R M A J E S T Y

AND

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF ABYSSINIA

FOR THE

SUPPRESSION OF THE SLAVE TRADE.

Signed at Adowa, June 3, 1884.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
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Treaty between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of Abyssinia for the Suppression of the Slave Trade.

Signed at Adowa, June 3, 1884.

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HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and His Majesty Johannis, made by the Almighty King of Sion, Negoosa Negust of Ethiopia and its dependencies, being desirous of prohibiting and perpetually abolishing the Slave Trade, they have agreed to conclude a Treaty for this purpose, which shall be binding on themselves, their heirs and successors; and to that end Rear-Admiral Sir William Hewett, Commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's ships of war in the East Indies, acting on the behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and His Majesty Johannis, Negoosa Negust of Ethiopia, acting on his own behalf, they have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles :—

ARTICLE I.

His Majesty the Negoosa Negust agrees to prohibit and to prevent, to the best of his ability, the buying and selling of slaves within his dominions.

ARTICLE II.

His Majesty the Negoosa Negust agrees to prohibit and to prevent, to the best of his ability, the import or export of slaves to or from his dominions.

ARTICLE III.

His Majesty the Negoosa Negust engages to protect, to the utmost of his power, all liberated slaves, and to punish severely any attempt to molest them, or to reduce them again to slavery.

ARTICLE IV.

Her Britannic Majesty has made Treaties with many foreign States, by which it is permitted to her officers to seize all ships belonging to such foreign States engaged in the transport or conveyance of slaves upon the sea; and Her Majesty engages to liberate any subjects of His Majesty the Negoosa Negust who may be found detained as slaves in any ship captured by the officers of Her Majesty, and to take steps to send such subjects back to the dominions of His Majesty the Negoosa Negust.

ARTICLE V.

The present Treaty shall be ratified, and the ratification shall be forwarded to Adowa as soon as possible.

In witness whereof, Rear-Admiral Sir William Hewett, on the behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and Johannis, Negoosa Negust of Ethiopia, on his own behalf, have signed the same, and (or) have affixed their seals to this Treaty, made at Adowa the 3rd day of June, 1884, corresponding to the 27th day of Goonvet, 1876.

(L.S.) (Seal of The King of Abyssinia.)
(L.S.) W. HEWETT.

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