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ARTICLE 23.

The present treaty shall be ratified and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Lisbon as soon as possible. It shall come into force fifteen days after the exchange of ratifications, and shall remain binding for a period of ten years. In case neither of the contracting Parties shall have given notice to the other twelve months before the date of expiration of this period of their intention to terminate it, it shall remain in force until the expiration of one year from the day on which either of the contracting Parties shall have denounced it.

As regards, however, the dominions, colonies, possessions, and protectorates which may have adhered to the present treaty in virtue of Article 21, either of the contracting Parties shall have the right to terminate it separately at any time on giving twelve months' notice to that effect.

It is understood that the stipulations of the present and of the preceding article referring to British dominions, colonies, possessions, or protectorates apply also to the island of Cyprus.

Final Protocol.

On proceeding to sign the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation concluded this day between the United Kingdom and Portugal, the undersigned plenipotentiaries have made the following reservations and declarations which shall form an integral part of the treaty:—

Ad ARTICLE 17.

It is understood that the provisions of Article 17 do not affect the right of either contracting Party to require, by their internal legislation, the prior consent of the competent local authorities before foreign companies or associations can institute local branches or agencies for the carrying out of banking or assurance operations.

It is understood that the provisions of this treaty, which secure in Portugal most-favoured-nation treatment to British goods and vessels shall not apply to the special favours which Portugal accords, or may hereafter accord, to the goods or vessels of Spain or Brazil.

It is understood that this treaty shall not come into force until the sanction of the British Parliament for Article 6 has been obtained.

The present protocol, which shall be considered as approved and sanctioned by the contracting Parties, without any other special ratification, by the sole fact of the exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty to which it appertains, has been drawn up in duplicate at Lisbon, the 12th August, 1914.

Declaration.

The plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty on signing the treaty declares that the concession by His Majesty's Government in Article 6 is made only in return for improvement in the Customs treatment of British goods by the Portuguese Government, and without prejudice to the views of the two contracting Parties as to the proper interpretation to be placed on Article 4 of the Madrid Convention of the 14th April, 1891.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

No. 86.

Rule made by the Governor-in-Council under Section 6 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1901, (Ordinance No. 16 of 1901), on the 18th day of February, 1915.

Documents which are intended solely for use outside the Colony shall be exempted from the operation of Articles 2, 3, 36 and 42, of the First Schedule to the Stamp Ordinance, 1901.

M. J. BREEN,
Clerk of Councils.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
18th February, 1915.