

Treaty between Her Majesty and the Queen of  
Madagascar. (1)

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Her Majesty Rascherina Manjaka, Queen of Madagascar, being desirous of Concluding a Treaty of Peace and Friendship, and to regulate thereby the Commercial intercourse between their respective subjects, and deminiens the following articles have for that purpose been mutually agreed upon and signed between Thomas Conelly Pakenham Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul in Madagascar duly authorized to that effect on the part of Her Britannic Majesty; and by His Excellency Rainimaharavo 16th Honour chief secretary of State; Andriantsitahaina 16th Honour; Ravahatra Chief Judge; and Rafaralahibemala Head of the Civilians, duly authorized to that effect on the part of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar : -

Article I.



Peace, friendship and good understanding shall from henceforward, and forever subsist between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, and between their respective Heirs, Successors and Subjects.

Article II.

The subjects of Her Britannic Majesty shall have full liberty to enter into, rent or lease houses or lands in, trade with and pass with their merchandize, through all parts of the dominions of Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, which are under the control of a Governor duly appointed by the Malagasy authorities, except Ambehimanga, Ambehimanambela and Amparafaravala; and they shall enjoy therein all the privileges and advantages, with regard to Commerce, or with regard to any other matter whatsoever, which are now or may here after,

be granted...

(1) Original aux Archives du Gouvernement Général de Madagascar et Dépendances.

the proper authorities all persons offending against the two contracting powers in this respect.

#### Article XVII.

Her Britannic Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar being greatly desirous of effecting the total abolition of the trade in slaves, Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar engages to do all in Her power to prevent all such traffic on the part of Her subjects and to prohibit all persons residing within her dominions, or subject to Her, from countenancing or taking any share in such trade. No persons from beyond sea shall be landed, purchased, or sold as slaves in any part of Madagascar. And Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar consents that British Cruizers shall have the right of searching any Malagasy or Arab vessels suspected of being engaged in the Slave Trade, whether under sail or at anchor in the waters of Madagascar. Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar further consents that if any such vessels shall prove to be engaged in the Slave Trade, such vessels and their crews shall be dealt with by the Cruizers of Her Britannic Majesty, as if such persons and their vessels had been engaged in a piratical undertaking.



#### Article XVIII.

Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar engages to abolish trial by the ordeal of poison.

If there should be war between Great Britain and Madagascar (which God forbid) any prisoners who may be taken by either party shall be kindly treated, and shall be set free, either by exchange during the war, or without exchange when peace is made; and such prisoners shall not on any account be made slaves, or put to death.

#### Article XIX.

The present Treaty shall be ratified by Her Britannic Majesty and by Her Majesty the Queen of Madagascar, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London, or at Antananarive within the space of six months from this date.

But if...

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But if at any future time, it shall seem desirable in the interest of the subjects of either of the two contracting parties, to alter or to add to <sup>the</sup> present Treaty, such alterations or additions shall be effected with the Consent of both parties.

Signed and sealed in duplicate originals with a Malagasy translation to each at Antananarivo, this twenty seventh day of June, in the year 1865.

Signé: T.C. Pakenham  
HM's Consul for  
Madagascar

Cachet du Consulat  
Britannique

Cachet du Gouvernement  
Malgache

Signés: Rainimeharave  
Chief Secretary of State  
16 Vtra

Andriantsitehaina 16 Vtra

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