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Mr. Satow to Chao Phya Bhanuwongse.

M. le Ministre,

Bangkok, December 31, 1884.

I HAVE the honour to acquaint your Excellency that Her Majesty's Government having been acquainted with the desire of His Majesty the King of Siam that the stipulations of the Treaty of the 3rd September, 1883, relating to the territories of Chiengmai, Lakhon, and Lamphoonchi, by which among other matters it is provided that the Siamese Courts shall, in the first instance, exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction over British subjects in all cases arising in those territories, should be extended to the territories of Muang Nan and Phrë, have instructed me to express to the Government of His Majesty the King their concurrence in this arrangement.

The words *Chiengmai, Lakhon, and Lamphoonchi*, in the Treaty of 1883, being thus taken to include the territories of Muang Nan and Phrë, it would appear that a similar extension of meaning should be given to those words as occurring in Mr. Gould's commission.

If your Excellency concurs with this view, I have the honour to request that the necessary instructions may be given to the proper authorities.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) E. M. SATOW.

Chao Phya Bhanuwongse to Mr. Satow.

Sir,

Bangkok, January 10, 1885.

I BEG to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 30th ultimo, informing me that Her Britannic Majesty's Government have concurred in the arrangement that the States of Nan and Phrë should be included in the meaning of the words

Chiengmai, Lakhon, and Lamphoonchi, in the Treaty of 1883, and you propose that a similar extension of meaning should be given to those words as occurring in the commission of the Vice-Consul appointed according to that Treaty.

In reply, I have the honour to state that His Serene Majesty's Government entirely concur in your proposal, and the necessary instructions to give effect to the arrangement in view shall accordingly be duly issued to the proper authorities.

I have further the honour to request that the words Muang Nan and Phrū should be inserted in the commission of any Vice-Consul that may hereafter be appointed, in order that His Majesty's exequatur may be issued in accordance with the usual practice.

I take, &c.
(Signed) CHAO PHYA BHANUWONGSE.

Mr. de Bunsen to Prince Devawongse.

M. le Ministre, *Bangkok, September 29, 1896.*

WHEN the Consular district of Chiengmai was enlarged by the inclusion of Muang Nan and Phrū, an exchange of notes took place between his Excellency Chao Phya Bhanuwongse and Mr. E. Satow, by which it was agreed that the Treaty of September 1883, relating to Chiengmai, Lakhon, and Lamphoonchi, should be extended to the added territories. The Siamese and British notes were dated respectively the 31st December, 1884, and the 10th January, 1885.

The Consular district in question having since been further extended to include the additional provinces named in Mr. Archer's commission as Consul, viz.: Muang Thön, Raheng, Sawankaloke, Sukotai, Utaradit, and Pichai, I desire to propose by this note that those additional provinces be in the same way held by the British and Siamese Governments to fall within the scope of the above-mentioned Treaty of September 1883, by which, among other matters, it is provided that a specially constituted Siamese Court shall, in the first instance, exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction, under express conditions as to Consular intervention, over British subjects concerned in civil or criminal cases.

If your Royal Highness will inform me, by an official note in reply to this one, that you concur with the above proposal, and that the necessary instructions to give effect to it will be duly issued to the proper authorities, I will inform Her Majesty's Government that the arrangement has been concluded between us.

I avail, &c.
(Signed) M. DE BUNSEN.

Prince Devawongse to Mr. de Bunsen.

M. le Chargé d'Affaires,

Bangkok, October 28, 1896.

By your note dated the 29th September last, you propounded to His Majesty's Government a proposal to the effect that the Provinces of Thön, Raheng, Sawankaloke, Sukotai, Utaradit, and Pichai, should be held by the British and Siamese Governments to fall within the scope of the Treaty of September 1883, in the same way as, in 1885, the Provinces of Nan and Phrë were held to be under the provisions of that Treaty, by which for one thing it is provided that a specially constituted Siamese Court shall, in the first instance, exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction, under express conditions as to Consular intervention, over British subjects concerned in civil or criminal cases.

I now take great pleasure in officially informing you that His Majesty's Government entirely concur with the proposal set forth by you in the said note, and that the necessary instructions for effecting it will be duly issued to the authorities concerned at an early date.

Accept, &c.

(Signed)

DEVAWONGSE,

Minister for Foreign Affairs.
