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No. 1.

M. de Favereau to Sir F. Plunkett.

LE Soussigné, Ministre des Affaires Étrangères du Royaume de Belgique, a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de son Excellence Sir Francis Plunkett, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, que, en attendant la signature d'un Traité définitif, le Gouvernement du Roi s'engage, sous condition de réciprocité, à ne pas modifier, après le 29 Juillet, 1898, le régime actuellement appliqué aux sujets et aux produits du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, à moins de préavis donné trois mois à l'avance au Gouvernement Britannique.

Il est entendu toutefois que le présent engagement ne fait pas obstacle à la faculté pour les deux Gouvernements d'apporter au régime existant entre les deux pays les modifications qui seraient rendues applicables à tous les autres pays indistinctement.

Le Soussigné saisit, &c.

(Signé) P. DE FAVEREAU.

Bruxelles, le 27 Juillet, 1898.

(Translation.)

THE Undersigned, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium, has the honour to inform His Excellency Sir Francis Plunkett, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, that,

pending the signature of a definitive Treaty, His Majesty's Government undertakes, on condition of reciprocity, not to modify, after the 29th July, 1898, the system actually applied to the subjects and products of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unless previous notice shall have been given three months beforehand to Her Majesty's Government.

It is understood, however, that the present engagement does not prevent either of the two Governments making in the system actually in force between the two countries such modifications as may be made applicable to all other countries without distinction.

The Undersigned avails, &c.

(Signed)

P. DE FAVEREAU.

Brussels, July 27, 1898.

No. 2.

Sir F. Plunkett to M. de Favereau.

THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Brussels, being duly authorized thereto by his Government, has the honour to accept, on the conditions therein laid down, the proposal made in the note of this date which his Excellency M. de Favereau, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium, has done him the honour of addressing to him, establishing a provisional *modus vivendi* between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Kingdom of Belgium pending the conclusion of a definite Treaty of Commerce and Navigation.

The Undersigned has, therefore, the honour to state that, on this understanding, Her Britannic Majesty's Government will, on their part, undertake not to make any modification after the 29th July, 1898, in the system actually applied in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the subjects and products of Belgium, unless previous notice of any such change shall have been given three months beforehand to the Belgian Government.

It is clearly understood that the present engagement does not prevent either of the two Governments making, in the system actually in force between the two countries, such modifications as may be made applicable to all other countries.

The Undersigned avails, &c.

(Signed)

F. R. PLUNKETT.

British Legation, Brussels,

July 27, 1898.