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SUBJECTS IN SIAM.

Signed at Bangkok, November 29, 1899.

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THE Governments of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and of His Majesty the King of Siam, recognizing the necessity of having a satisfactory arrangement for the registration of British subjects in Siam, the Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Minister Resident and His Siamese Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs, duly authorized to that effect, have agreed as follows:—

I.

The registration according to Article V of the Treaty of April 18, 1855, of British subjects residing in Siam, shall comprise the following categories:

(1.) All British natural born or naturalized subjects, other than those of Asiatic descent.

(2.) All children and grandchildren born in Siam of persons entitled to be registered under the first category, who are entitled to the status of British subjects in contemplation of English law.

Neither great-grandchildren nor illegitimate children born in Siam of persons mentioned in the first category are entitled to be registered.

(3.) All persons of Asiatic descent, born within the Queen's dominions, or naturalized within the United Kingdom, or born within the territory of any Prince or State in India under the suzerainty of, or in alliance with, the Queen.

Except natives of Upper Burmah or the British Shan States who became domiciled in Siam before January 1st, 1886.

(4.) All children born in Siam of persons entitled to be registered under the third category.

No grandchildren born in Siam of persons mentioned in the third category are entitled to be registered for protection in Siam.

(5.) The wives and widows of any persons who are entitled to be registered under the foregoing categories.

II.

The lists of such registration shall be open to the inspection of a properly authorized Representative of the Siamese Government on proper notice being given.

III.

If any question arises as to the right of any person to hold a British certificate of registration or as to the validity of the certificate itself, a joint inquiry shall be held by the British and Siamese authorities and decided according to the conditions laid down in this Agreement, upon evidence to be adduced by the holder of the certificate, in the usual way.

IV.

Should any action, civil or criminal, be pending while such inquiry is going on, it shall be determined conjointly in what Court the case shall be heard.

V.

If the person, in respect of whom the inquiry is held, come within the conditions for registration laid down in Article I, he may, if not yet registered, forthwith be registered as a British subject and provided with a certificate of registration at Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate; otherwise he shall be recognized as falling under Siamese jurisdiction, and, if already on the lists of Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate, his name shall be erased.

In witness whereof the Undersigned have signed the same in duplicate and have affixed thereto their seals at Bangkok, on the 29th day of November, 1899, of the Christian era, corresponding to the 118th year of Ratanakosindr.

(Seal.)	(Signed)	GEORGE GREVILLE.
(Seal.)	(Signed)	DEVAWONGSE VAROPRAKAR.
