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WHEREAS it is provided by Article III of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce concluded September 21st, 1833, between the United States of America and His Highness the Sultan of Muscat, which Treaty was accepted by His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar after the separation of that State from the jurisdiction of Muscat, that vessels of the United States entering any ports of the Sultan's dominions shall pay no more than five per centum duties on the cargo landed; and this shall be in full consideration of all import and export duties, tonnage, license to trade, pilotage, anchorage, or any other charge whatever;

And whereas no provision is made in the above-mentioned treaty nor in any subsequent agreement for the payment of light and harbour dues in the dominions of His Highness the Sultan;

And whereas His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, acting in the name of His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, and the United States of America are desirous, in the interest of commerce, of so amending the said Article III of the said Treaty of Amity and Commerce of September 21st, 1833, as to permit the imposition of light dues at the rate of one anna upon every registered ton, with an added harbour due of one anna upon every registered ton, on vessels of the United States entering the ports in the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba:

Now, therefore, the High Contracting Parties have to that

end resolved to conclude a Convention, and have for this purpose appointed their Plenipotentiaries, to wit:

His Britannic Majesty, the Right Honourable Sir Michael H. Herbert, G.C.M.G., C.B., His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary; and

The President of the United States of America, John Hay, Secretary of State of the United States;

Who, having exhibited each to the other their respective full powers, which were found to be in due and proper form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

It is understood and agreed between the High Contracting Parties that nothing contained in said Article III of the said Convention of September 21st, 1833, shall be construed as preventing the imposition on and collection from vessels of the United States entering any port in the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba of a light due of one anna per registered ton and an added harbour due of one anna per registered ton, His Britannic Majesty, acting in the name of His Highness the Sultan of Zanzibar, engaging that the light and harbour dues so imposed and collected shall be applied to the construction and maintenance of lighthouses and buoys for the proper lighting of the coasts of the said islands.

ARTICLE II.

It is further understood and agreed between the High Contracting Parties that the consent of the United States to the imposition and collection of the light and harbour dues aforesaid is given on the conditions:—

1. That really adequate lighthouses are provided and maintained; also that lights shall be placed upon the buoys when required by American vessels entering or leaving the harbour of Zanzibar at night.

2. That accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the dues are carefully kept and published.

3. That provision be made for the reduction of the dues if they should hereafter become disproportionate to the expenditure.

4. That the consent of all the other Powers having Treaties with Zanzibar be given to the imposition of the said light and harbour dues on their vessels, and that vessels of the United States be subject to no differential treatment.

ARTICLE III.

The present Convention shall be ratified by His Britannic Majesty, and by the President of the United States of America,

by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in the City of Washington as soon as practicable.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto their respective seals.

Done at the City of Washington, this fifth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

(L.S.) MICHAEL H. HERBERT.
(L.S.) JOHN HAY.
