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(1.)

The Swedish Minister to Sir Edward Grey.

Swedish Legation, London,

September 10, 1907.

Sir,

WITH reference to your note of the 9th July last, I have the honour to propose, in the name of the Royal Swedish Government, the following Agreement as to the treatment of the estates of Swedish seamen dying on board British merchant-vessels or on British or foreign territory, which, in accordance with the provisions of "The British Merchant Shipping Acts," may be received by the British Board of Trade:—

1. The British Board of Trade will in future furnish the Swedish Consul-General in London with copies of the accounts rendered to them in respect of the wages and effects of deceased seamen subjects of the King of Sweden, together with any particulars which may be at their disposal likely to facilitate the identification of the deceased and of the legal heirs.

2. In every case when an estate does not exceed 100*l.* sterling in value, and the British Board of Trade are satisfied that the legal heirs of the deceased seaman are resident in Swedish territory, and that there are no persons elsewhere who have any valid claim to the wages and effects left by him, they will dispense with the customary form of claim and will hand over the property in question to the Swedish Consul-General in London.

3. Before actually disposing of the estate of a Swedish seaman in accordance with British law, the British Board of Trade will

give notice to the Swedish Consul-General of their intention to hand over such property to those persons having claims upon it, and will consider any representations that the Consul-General may make thereon.

4. It is understood that the estates of British seamen received by the Swedish Government, whether dying on board Swedish merchant-vessels or on Swedish or foreign territory, will similarly be handed over to His Britannic Majesty's Consular officers.

I have the honour to request you to state whether the British Government concur in the above Agreement, and in that case I should consider the matter settled on receiving a declaration to that effect from you.

I have, &c.
(Signed) WRANGEL

(2.)

Sir Edward Grey to the Swedish Minister.

Sir,

Foreign Office, October 5, 1907.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I accept, in the name of His Britannic Majesty's Government, the following Agreement, as proposed in your note of the 10th ultimo, regarding the treatment of the estates of Swedish seamen dying on board British merchant-vessels or on British or foreign territory, which, in accordance with the provisions of "The British Merchant Shipping Acts," may be received by the British Board of Trade:—

1. The British Board of Trade will in future furnish the Swedish Consul-General in London with copies of the accounts rendered to them in respect of the wages and effects of deceased seamen, subjects of the King of Sweden, together with any particulars which may be at their disposal likely to facilitate the identification of the deceased and of the legal heirs.

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I have, &c.
(Signed) E. GREY.
