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(1.)

Sir E. Grey to the German Ambassador.

Your Excellency,

Foreign Office, November 23, 1909.

WITH reference to my note of the 7th June last on the subject of the renewal, for one year, of the Agreement between the United Kingdom and Germany providing for the settlement by arbitration of certain classes of questions which may arise between the two Governments, signed at London on the 12th July, 1904, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that His Majesty's Government are prepared to extend the renewal of the Agreement for a further period of four years from the date of its expiry on the 12th July, 1910.

I should be glad to learn from your Excellency that the Imperial Government are equally prepared to extend the renewal of the Agreement for this period, in which case the present note and your Excellency's reply would be sufficient to give legal validity to this understanding between the two Governments.

I have, &c.

E. GREY.

(2.)

The German Ambassador to Sir E. Grey.

*Kaiserlich Deutsche Botschaft, London,
den 7. Dezember 1909.*

Euer Exzellenz,

IN Beantwortung der Note vom 23. November d. J., beehre ich mich Euerer Exzellenz ergebenst mitzuteilen, dass die Kaiserliche

Regierung gleichfalls bereit ist, die Geltung des deutsch-englischen Schiedsabkommens vom Tage seines Ablaufs, dem 12. Juli 1910, ab auf weitere vier Jahre zu verlängern und dass die Kaiserliche Regierung damit einverstanden ist, dass der Austausch dieser Noten als Abschluss des Vortrages über die Gültigkeitsdauer des Schiedsabkommens betrachtet werden soll.

Mit, &c.

P. METTERNICH.

(Translation.)

*Imperial German Embassy, London,
December 7, 1909.*

Your Excellency,

IN reply to your note of the 23rd November last, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Imperial Government are equally prepared to prolong the Anglo-German Arbitration Agreement for a further period of four years from the date of its expiration, 12th July, 1910, and that the Imperial Government agree that the exchange of these notes shall be regarded as giving effect to the understanding arrived at with regard to the duration of the Agreement in question.

I have, &c.

P. METTERNICH.
