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(1.)

Lord H. Hervey to the Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

British Legation, Adis Ababa,
April 13, 1909.

Your Excellency,

I HAVE the honour to draw your attention to the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between France and Ethiopia, signed at Adis Ababa on the 10th January, 1908, in which Article 3 stipulates that wine, champagne, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages will only be subjected to a duty of 8 per cent. *ad valorem*.

As by Article 4 of the Anglo-Ethiopian Treaty of the 14th May, 1897,* Great Britain and her Colonies are accorded in respect of import duties every advantage which may be accorded to the subjects of other nations, I shall be glad if you will inform me whether the necessary orders have been given to the Customs and other officials throughout the country, in order to secure the fulfilment of this privilege.

Accept, &c.

HERBERT HERVEY.

(2.)

The Ethiopian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Lord H. Hervey.

(Translation.)

Compliments be to you.

YOUR letter regarding the 4th Article of the Treaty between the Ethiopian and British Governments of the 14th May, 1897, and again with reference to the 3rd Article of the Treaty dated the 10th January, 1908, between the Ethiopian and the French Governments, concerning wines, champagne, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages, the Government duty on which is arranged at 8 per cent., was received by me on the 13th April, 1909.

* See "Treaty Series, No. 2 (1898)."

Now the same privilege that was granted to the French Government under the 3rd Article of the Treaty of the 10th January, 1908, will be granted to the British Government and her Colonies by our order.

(L.S.) HAILI GIORGIS,
Minister for Foreign Affairs.

May 5, 1901 (Ethiopian date).

May 12, 1909 (European date).

Annex.

Article 3 of Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between France and Ethiopia, signed at Adis Ababa, January 10, 1908.

Article 3.—Les marchandises françaises importées dans l'Empire éthiopien sont frappées d'un droit de 10 pour 100 sur leur valeur marchande au lieu de leur destination.

Toutefois les vins, champagnes, bières, et les boissons non alcooliques ne payeront que 8 pour 100.

Lorsque l'état du mouvement commercial en Éthiopie le permettra, sans qu'il puisse en résulter une perte pour le Trésor Impérial, l'établissement de la valeur marchande sera déterminé par la déclaration en douane du prix au lieu d'origine ou de fabrication augmenté des frais de transport, d'assurance, et de commission nécessaires pour l'importation, jusqu'au lieu d'introduction.

(Translation.)

Article 3. A duty of 10 per cent. on their market value at the place of their destination shall be levied upon French goods imported into the Empire of Ethiopia.

Wines, champagne, beer, and non-alcoholic liquors, however, shall only be subjected to a duty of 8 per cent.

When the condition of trade in Ethiopia shall permit of it, without loss to the Imperial Treasury, the market value shall be determined by a declaration made to the customs of the price at the place of origin or of manufacture, supplemented by the expenses of freight, insurance, and commission required for importation, as far as the point of importation.
