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Washington, December $\frac{3}{8}$, 1910.

(1.)

*His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington to the Secretary of
State of the United States.*

*British Embassy, Washington,
December 3, 1910.*

Sir,

IMMEDIATELY on the receipt of your note No. 958 of the 9th August last on the subject of the proposed reciprocal agreement concerning commercial travellers' samples, I communicated with His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and have now received instructions to proceed to the exchange of notes as proposed by you.

I have, therefore, now the honour to enclose a Declaration signed by me, and to inform you that, on the basis of this Declaration, it is the intention of His Majesty's Government, in so far as the laws in force may permit, to maintain the Customs facilities granted for commercial travellers' samples by the Commercial Agreement dated the 19th November, 1907,* and denounced by the United States Government on the 7th August, 1909.

It is further declared that these facilities shall go into effect on the 1st day of January, 1911, and may be withdrawn on either side upon one month's notice being given.

Under the general regulations of His Majesty's Commissioners of Customs governing the admission of samples, it is customary for their officers to mark or seal imported dutiable samples and samples of gold and silver plate liable to assay for future identification, and His Majesty's Government propose to retain this power with regard to such samples coming from the United States.

A copy of the Customs regulation referred to is enclosed.

I have, &c.

A. MITCHELL INNES.

The Honourable P. C. Knox,
Secretary of State,
&c. &c. &c.

* See "Treaty Series, No. 44 (1907)."

Enclosure.

Declaration.

IN order to facilitate the clearance through the Customs Department of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland of samples brought into the territory of that country by commercial travellers of the United States of America, such samples being for use as models or patterns for the purpose of obtaining orders, and not for sale, the undersigned, Alfred Mitchell Innes, His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, duly authorised thereto, and in virtue of a similar Declaration made by Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State of the United States, does hereby declare that, from and after the 1st day of January, 1911, and until the expiration of one month after the day on which either the United Kingdom or the United States shall give notice of the withdrawal of said Declaration, the officially attested list of such samples, containing a full description thereof issued at the time of exportation by the British consular authorities established in the United States, shall be accepted by the Customs officials of the United Kingdom as establishing their character as samples, and exempting them from inspection on importation except in so far as may be necessary in order to comply with the law of the United Kingdom.

A. MITCHELL INNES,
His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires.

Washington, December 3, 1910.

(2.)

The Secretary of State of the United States to His Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington.

*Department of State, Washington,
December 8, 1910.*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 3rd December, 1910, and to inform you that I have taken note of the intention therein expressed by His Majesty's Government to maintain, in so far as the laws in force may permit, and on the basis of the Declaration enclosed in your note, the Customs facilities granted for commercial travellers' samples by the Commercial Agreement dated the 19th November, 1907, and denounced by the United States Government on the 7th August, 1909.

In reply, I have the honour to enclose a similar Declaration on the part of the United States, signed by me, and to express the intention of the United States Government to accord facilities for all samples imported from the United Kingdom into the United States on the basis of this Declaration, in so far as the laws in force may permit and in so far as the administration may be thereto empowered.

I declare further that these facilities shall go into effect on the 1st day of January, 1911, and may be withdrawn on either side upon one month's notice being given.

I have, &c.

P. C. KNOX.

A. Mitchell Innes, Esq.,
His Britannic Majesty's Chargé
d'Affaires.

Enclosure.

Declaration.

IN order to facilitate the clearance through the Customs Department of the United States of America of samples brought into the territory of that country by commercial travellers of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, such samples being for use as models or patterns for the purpose of obtaining orders, and not for sale, the undersigned, Philander C. Knox, Secretary of State of the United States, duly authorised thereto, and in virtue of a similar Declaration made by Alfred Mitchell Innes, His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, does hereby declare that, from and after the 1st day of January, 1911, and until the expiration of one month after the day on which either the United States or the United Kingdom shall give notice of the withdrawal of said Declaration, the officially attested list of such samples containing a full description thereof, issued at the time of exportation by the American consular authorities established in the United Kingdom, shall be accepted by the Customs officials of the United States as establishing their character as samples, and exempting them from inspection on importation except in so far as may be necessary in order to comply with the law of the United States.

P. C. KNOX,

Secretary of State of the United States.

Washington, December 8, 1910.
