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Signed at Monrovia, April 10, 1913.

THE Government of His Britannic Majesty and the Government of Liberia, being desirous of concluding an Agreement with respect to the navigation of the Manoh River, the Undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have agreed as follows :—

All vessels from Liberian ports of entry intending to proceed to Liberian ports of entry on the River Manoh, on arriving at Manoh Salija, shall enter and make due report inwards there to the Collector of Customs of all cargo laden on board in such manner as is required by the Sierra Leone Customs Authorities, and as is herein provided; and all such vessels shall produce transires in duplicate, signed and certified to by the Collector of Customs at the Liberian port of shipment, such transires to detail quantities and values. Such transires shall be attached to the report inwards. They shall be denominated "Original" and "Duplicate." The original copy shall be retained and filed in the Custom-house, Manoh Salija, by the Officer in charge of the Customs, Manoh Salija.

2. To every such vessel clearing from Manoh Salija for a Liberian port of entry on the Manoh River a clearance label shall be issued, to which shall be attached by the Sierra Leone Customs seal the duplicate copy of the Liberian transire deposited by the master of the vessel at the time of report inwards. For the present no report outwards shall be required by the Officer in charge at Manoh Salija, but that Officer will certify on the report inwards the fact that all packages of cargo specified on said transire consigned to Liberian river ports are on board at the time of clearance. The port of destination shall be specified for all cargo.

3. *Vessels Proceeding to Liberian Gene.*

Such vessel, after clearance, shall forthwith proceed to British Gene before touching at any river port, and shall produce at the Custom-house there the clearance label and transire to the Officer in charge of the Customs there. That Officer, on satisfying himself that

all cargo has been duly accounted for, shall proceed with the vessel to the port of Liberian Gene and there witness the landing of all cargo; and such Officer shall forward in every case a certificate of landing in detail to the Officer of Customs at Manoh Salija. The clearance label and duplicate transire as aforesaid shall be deposited in the custody of the Officer in charge of the Customs, Liberian Gene. A fee of two shillings and sixpence shall be payable by the importer to the Officer of Customs, British Gene, for witnessing to and certifying landing.

4. In all cases where goods are not accounted for to the satisfaction of the Officer in charge, British Gene, a full statement of such discrepancies shall be made by that Officer and presented to the Officer in charge, Liberian Gene, who shall forthwith, and before delivering any portion whatsoever of the cargo, collect from the importer such duties as may be due upon such discrepancies according to Sierra Leone tariff of import duties, and shall thereupon pay to the Officer in charge, British Gene, all such duties as may be due on the discrepancies found, taking a receipt endorsed on the Liberian transire.

5. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent vessels belonging to the Republic of Liberia from entering the Manoh River from seaward, light or in ballast, and proceeding up the said river for the purpose of loading goods at a Liberian port of entry for transportation to another port of entry on the Liberian seaboard. Such vessels, on entering the Manoh River, must bring to at Manoh Salija, the master depositing with the Customs Officer in charge of that port a "Transire in Ballast" in duplicate, signed by the Collector of Customs at the Liberian port whence she arrived. An Officer of the Sierra Leone Customs shall be boarded on and shall proceed with the vessel to the Liberian port of entry at which it is intended she shall load, and shall remain on board until her loading is complete, and shall return with her to Manoh Salija. There her outward cargo shall be examined by the Customs Officer, who, if satisfied, will endorse the original transire clearing the vessel from one Liberian port to another, with a certificate of such examination. A clearance label will be issued by the Officer in charge, Manoh Salija, and affixed to the original transire by the Customs seal of the port. This shall be the vessel's outward clearance. For the service of the Officer who is boarded on a Liberian vessel entering the River Manoh light or in ballast from seaward there shall be paid by the exporter a fee of two shillings and sixpence for each night the Officer remains on board, from the time of report at Manoh Salija until the time of her departure for her port of destination.

6. *Vessels Proceeding to Liberian River Ports other than Gene.*

It is agreed that, notwithstanding the limitations of the 3rd paragraph of this Agreement, it shall be lawful for the Customs Authorities of Sierra Leone to place Customs Officers on board Liberian vessels at Manoh Salija, if such a course is deemed more convenient, and that Liberian vessels may discharge cargo which has been duly reported at Manoh Salija (or load cargo after due report at Manoh Salija of the vessel, light or in ballast) at any recognised

port of entry on the Liberian side of the Manoh River. The Liberian Government undertakes to furnish a list of existing ports of entry and to notify the Sierra Leone Government of all additions to or deletions from the number. Goods shall not be landed or loaded at a place which is not an acknowledged port of entry.

7. If any duty connected with the landing or shipping of goods from or to Liberian vessels is performed between 6 P.M. and 6 A.M., or on Sundays, or on days which are Bank Holidays in Sierra Leone, there shall be payable by the importer, in addition to the fees specified in this Agreement, for every hour the Officer is employed, overtime fees at the rates specified by the law which is at the time in force in Sierra Leone.

8. This Agreement shall only apply to goods upon which the duties of Customs shall have already been paid in Liberia.

9. The present Agreement shall come into force from the date of its signature. It is concluded for one year, but shall remain in force until the expiration of three months from the day on which one of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice of its intention of terminating it.

Done in duplicate at Monrovia, the 10th day of April, 1913.

R. C. F. MAUGHAM,
Acting British Consul-General.

C. D. B. KING,
*Secretary of State,
Republic of Liberia.*
