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No. 1.

M. Piip to Earl Curzon of Kedleston.

*Esthonian Legation, London,
July 20, 1920.*

My Lord,

IT being the desire of our respective Governments to establish close commercial relations between the United Kingdom and Esthonia, I have the honour to inform you that, on condition of reciprocity, British nationals and goods, the produce or manufacture of the territories of His Britannic Majesty, will enjoy unconditionally in Esthonia treatment at least as favourable in all respects as that accorded to the nationals and goods, the produce or manufacture of the most favoured foreign country. This treatment shall be accorded in all matters of commerce and navigation as regards importation, exportation and transit, and, in general, in all that concerns customs duties and formalities and commercial operations, the establishment of British subjects in Esthonia, the exercise of commerce, industries and professions, and the payment of taxes.

2. British vessels will enjoy in the ports, rivers and territorial waters of Esthonia treatment not less favourable than that accorded to Esthonian vessels or to vessels of the most favoured foreign country, subject however to the right of the Esthonian Government to reserve the coasting trade to Esthonian vessels.

3. Esthonia further undertakes, on condition of reciprocity, to accord freedom of transit to persons, goods, vessels, aircraft, carriages, wagons and mails in transit to or from the United Kingdom over Esthonian territory, including territorial waters, and to treat them at least as favourably as Esthonian persons, goods, vessels, aircraft, carriages, wagons and mails, respectively, or those of any other more favoured nationality, origin, importation or ownership, as regards facilities, charges, restrictions and all other matters.

4. The foregoing stipulations will not be applicable to India or to any of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions, Colonies, Possessions or Protectorates beyond the seas, unless notice of accession to this arrangement shall have been given on behalf of India or any such Dominion, Colony, Possession or Protectorate by His Britannic Majesty's representative at Reval before the expiration of twelve months from this date. Nevertheless, goods, the produce or manufacture of India or of any of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions, Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates, will enjoy in Esthonia complete and unconditional

most-favoured-nation treatment so long as India or such Dominion, Colony, Possession or Protectorate accords to goods, the produce or manufacture of Esthonia, treatment as favourable as that accorded to the produce of the soil or industry of any other foreign country.

5. The above arrangement will have effect as from the date of this note, and will remain in force unless and until either of our respective Governments has given notice to the other of its intention to terminate it. In that case, it will remain in force until the expiration of six months from the date of such notice.

As regards India and the British Dominions, Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates which may have acceded to this arrangement in virtue of the provisions of paragraph 4, either of our respective Governments shall have the right to terminate it separately on giving six months' notice to that effect.

I have, &c.

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No. 2.

Earl Curzon of Kedleston to M. Piip.

Sir,

Foreign Office, July 20, 1920.

IT being the desire of our respective Governments to establish close commercial relations between the United Kingdom and Esthonia, I have the honour to inform you that, on condition of reciprocity, Esthonian nationals and goods, the produce or manufacture of the territories of Esthonia, will enjoy unconditionally in the territories of His Britannic Majesty treatment at least as favourable in all respects as that accorded to the nationals and goods, the produce or manufacture of the most favoured foreign country. This treatment shall be accorded in all matters of commerce and navigation as regards importation, exportation and transit, and, in general, in all that concerns customs duties and formalities and commercial operations, the establishment of Esthonian subjects in the territories of His Britannic Majesty, the exercise of commerce, industries and professions, and the payment of taxes.

2. Esthonian vessels will enjoy in the ports, rivers and territorial waters of the territories of His Britannic Majesty treatment not less favourable than that accorded to British vessels or to vessels of the most favoured foreign country, subject, however, to the right of the British Government to reserve the coasting trade to British vessels.

3. His Majesty's Government further undertake, on condition of reciprocity, to accord freedom of transit to persons, goods, vessels, aircraft, carriages, wagons and mails in transit to or from Esthonia over the territories of His Britannic Majesty, including territorial waters, and to treat them at least as favourably as British persons, goods, vessels, aircraft, carriages, wagons and mails, respectively, or those of any other more favoured nationality, origin, importation or ownership, as regards facilities, charges, restrictions and all other matters.

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