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(1.)

*Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Belgrade to the Servian Minister  
for Foreign Affairs.*

M. le Ministre,

*Belgrade, January 4, 1893.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of this date, in which you inform me that the Servian Government adhere to their desire to prolong the Provisional Commercial Agreement of the 14th February, 1890, for six months only from the 1st (13th) January, 1893.

I regret that your Excellency has found it impossible to accede to the wish of Her Majesty's Government, that the prolongation should be for a year, but under the circumstances I am authorized by the Earl of Rosebery, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to accept on behalf of her Majesty's Government the prolongation of the Provisional Commercial Agreement between England and Servia for six months, that is to say till the 1st (13th) July, 1893.

I have also the honour to repeat to your Excellency that when the Servian Government make known their wishes with respect to a new Commercial Treaty, their communication will receive the early attention of Her Majesty's Government, who are prepared at once to commence negotiations.

I trust your Excellency will do me the honour to send an early reply on behalf of the Servian Government, and avail myself, &c.

(Signed)

VAUX OF HARROWDEN.

(2.)

*The Servian Minister for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Chargé  
d'Affaires at Belgrade.*

*Belgrade, le 29 Décembre, 1892  
(le 10 Janvier, 1893).*

Milord,

J'AI l'honneur de vous accuser réception de la note par laquelle vous avez pris la peine de m'informer que son Excellence Lord Rosebery, Secrétaire d'État pour les Affaires Étrangères, vous a autorisé à accepter, au nom du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté Britannique, la prolongation jusqu'au 1<sup>er</sup> (13) Juillet, 1893, de l'arrangement commercial provisoire conclu entre l'Angleterre et la Serbie le 14 Février, 1890.

Le présent échange de notes, devant fixer l'accord intervenu entre nos deux Gouvernements, les instructions nécessaires vont être données aux autorités Douanières de Serbie en vue de la mise en application de l'accord en cause.

En conséquence, j'ai l'honneur de recourir à vos bons offices, Milord, en vous priant de vouloir bien intervenir auprès de votre Haut Gouvernement pour que des instructions analogues soient données aux Douanes du Royaume Uni.

Déférant au désir que vous m'avez exprimé au nom de votre Gouvernement, je ne manquerai pas de faire le nécessaire pour que prochainement, après avoir pris l'avis de mon collègue, M. le Ministre de l'Agriculture et du Commerce, des négociations soient engagées entre nos deux Gouvernements, en vue de la conclusion d'un Traité de Commerce définitif.

En vous communiquant ce qui précède, j'ai, &c.

(Signé) J. AVACOUOVITCH.

(Translation.)

*Belgrade, December 29, 1892  
(January 10, 1893).*

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the note in which you were good enough to inform me that Lord Rosebery, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, had authorized you to accept, in the name of the Government of Her Britannic Majesty, the prolongation until the 1st (13th) July, 1893, of the provisional commercial arrangement concluded between England and Servia on the 14th February, 1890.

The object of the present exchange of notes being to establish the agreement arrived at between the two Governments, the necessary instructions will be sent to the Customs authorities of Servia, with the view to the agreement being carried into effect.

I have, consequently, the honour, my Lord, to have recourse to your good offices in begging you to be good enough to make the necessary communication to your High Government, in order that

similar instructions may be given to the Customs authorities of the United Kingdom.

In conformity with the wish expressed by you, in the name of your Government, I will not fail to take the necessary steps in order that, after having taken the advice of my colleague, the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, negotiations may shortly be commenced between our two Governments, with the view to the conclusion of a definitive Treaty of Commerce.

In communicating, &c,

(Signed)

J. AVACOUMOVITCH.

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