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between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom  
and the National Government of the Republic of China

relating to Land Tenure and Taxation in the

## Former British Concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang

Nanking, October 27, 1934

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SIONS AT HANKOW AND KIUKIANG.

Nanking, October 27, 1934.

No. 1.

*Sir A. Cadogan to Mr. Wang Ching-wei.*

Sir, Nanking, October 27, 1934.  
I HAVE the honour to state that, in view of the conclusion of the agreements of the 19th February and the 20th February, 1927,<sup>(1)</sup> regarding the former British Concession areas at Hankow and Kiukiang and the exchange of British Crown leases for Chinese deeds of perpetual lease subsequently effected in the said areas, the agreements of March 1861<sup>(2)</sup> and August 1898<sup>(3)</sup> regarding the said areas will be considered as having been cancelled.

I avail, &c.

ALEXANDER CADOGAN.

<sup>(1)</sup> See Cmd. 2869.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Cmd. 2502, pages 17 and 19.

<sup>(3)</sup> See Cmd. 2502, page 57.

No. 2.

*Mr. Wang Ching-wei to Sir A. Cadogan.*

(Translation.)

Excellency, Waichiaopu, Nanking, October 27, 1934:

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's note of to-day's date, which reads as follows:—

“ I have the honour to state that, in view of the conclusion of the agreements of the 19th February and the 20th February, 1927, regarding the former British Concession areas at Hankow and Kiukiang and the exchange of British Crown leases for Chinese deeds of perpetual lease subsequently effected in the said areas, the agreements of March 1861 and August 1898 regarding the said areas will be considered as having been cancelled.”

I have the honour to confirm your Excellency's statement quoted above and to state further for your Excellency's information that, pending the promulgation by the National Government of the Republic of China of a new law governing land taxation throughout China, and pending the actual application of that law throughout the Hankow and Kiukiang districts, the annual land tax to be paid by former holders of British Crown leases in the Hankow and Kiukiang districts shall remain at the present rate.

I avail, &c.  
WANG CHING-WEI.

