EGYPTE ET PALESTINE

Echange de notes comportant un accord commercial provisoire. Le Caire, le 6 juin, et Jérusalem, le 21 juin 1928.

EGYPT AND PALESTINE

Exchange of Notes constituting a Provisional Commercial Agreement. Cairo, June 6, and Jerusalem, June 21, 1928.

No. 1833. — EXCHANGE OF NOTES ¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND PALESTINE CONSTITUTING A PROVISIONAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT. CAIRO, JUNE 6, AND JERUSALEM, JUNE 21, 1928.

French and English official texts communicated by His Britannic Majesty's Foreign Office. The registration of this Exchange of Notes took place August 22, 1928.

² Traduction. — Translation.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Political and Commercial
Department.
(1.31/1.)

CAIRO, June 6, 1928.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence between His Excellency the High Commissioner of His Britannic Majesty in Egypt and this Ministry, with regard to the wish expressed by Your Excellency for a commercial agreement between Egypt and Palestine based on the most-favoured-nation clause.

In reply, I beg to inform Your Excellency that the Egyptian Government, owing to the contemplated reform of its Customs system in the near future, would prefer for the moment the conclusion with Palestine of a provisional commercial agreement which either Party could denounce

at three months' notice.

The Egyptian Government therefore agrees, on the basis of complete reciprocity, to grant most-favoured-nation treatment to products of the soil and of industry originating in Palestine and imported into Egyptian territory for consumption, re-exportation or transit. Such treatment shall also apply to Palestine tobaccos imported into Egypt, which shall be given the benefit of the differential tariff, provided always that they are entirely grown in Palestine. On the other hand it is understood that the treatment granted by the Egyptian Government to Sudanese products, and that granted by the Palestine Government to Syrian products are excluded from the present Agreement.

This provisional agreement shall not come into force until it has been approved by the Egyptian Parliament, and it may be denounced by either of the Contracting Parties at three

months' notice.

I beg your Excellency to confirm your consent to the agreement on the terms cited, and have the honour, etc.

Wacyf Boutros Ghali, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

His Excellency

The High Commissioner of His Britannic Majesty in Palestine, Jerusalem.

¹ Came into force June 21, 1928.

² Traduit par le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations, à titre d'information.

² Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for information.

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GOVERNMENT OFFICES.
Despatch No. 23. M.
Reference No. 10173/28.

JERUSALEM, June 21, 1928.

YOUR EXCELLENCY.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 1.31/I dated the 6th of June in the following terms with regard to the proposed agreement between the Governments of Egypt and Palestine for the grant of reciprocal most-favoured-nation treatment.

(Here follows the text of the letter of June 6th, 1928, in French.)

2. In reply I beg to confirm my consent to the agreement on the terms cited.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) Plumer. F. M. High Commissioner for Palestine.

His Excellency
The Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Cairo.