

EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN TOBACCO

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Treaty Series 10

INFORMAL CONVENTION BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY AND MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY OF HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH, ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EXPORTATION OF CERTAIN TOBACCO

Whereas, by an Executive order bearing date the 10th instant, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, the President of the United States, has authorized the exportation of certain tobacco, it is hereby agreed that the exportation of such tobacco from within limits under blockade, shall be governed by Regulations consisting of the following Articles.

ARTICLE I

The vessels adapted to the employment shall be neutrals exclusively. They shall be French as much as possible; although foreign vessels of other nations may be employed by the French officers to assist in the operation.

ARTICLE II

The French Minister engages that the only tobacco to be removed is tobacco purchased and paid for prior to the 4th of March, 1861, and is in quantity about six or seven thousand hogsheads.

ARTICLE III

For the purpose of preventing any fraud, the charter party shall include express mention that the vessels freighted shall be under the immediate orders of the commander of the "Tisiphone" in every thing that will bear upon the relations and communications to be maintained with the shore, as well as for the labors made necessary for loading. Mr. de Marivault will, for this purpose be authorized to detach on board, if he shall judge it to be necessary, a guard of armed men who shall be victualled under the care of the merchant captains, to whom the amount of the rations shall, ulteriorly, be reimbursed in kind.