

AMITY AND COMMERCE

Agreement concluded at Bangkok December 17 and 31, 1867, modifying treaty of May 29, 1856

Entered into force January 1, 1868

Senate advice and consent to ratification July 25, 1868

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The American Consul to the Assistant Secretary of State

UNITED STATES CONSULATE

BANGKOK, *Decr. 31st, 1867*

No. 72

To Hon. F. W. SEWARD

Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D.C.

Sir: I have the honor to inform the Department that I have received a letter from His Excellency Chaw Phaya Praklang, Minister of Foreign Affairs, informing me that the Royal Counsellors for the Kingdom of Siam desire to change article first of the Treaty Regulations,² and that the change shall go into effect on January 1st, 1868. The article alluded to is as follows, viz:

"Every shipmaster upon anchoring his vessel at Paknam will deliver into the custody of the custom-house officers all his guns and ammunition, and a custom-house officer will then be appointed to the vessel, and will proceed in her to Bangkok."

The article as changed will require that the powder alone be left at Paknam, but that the guns be allowed to remain in the vessel. I have given my assent to the change, and all the other Consuls have done the same.

The change is a very advantageous one to shipmasters, as in [the] shipping and reshipping of their guns, some of which were heavy, was attended with much delay and expense; whereas they generally have but a few pounds of

¹ TS 655, *post*, p. 997.

² Regulations appended to treaty of May 29, 1856 (TS 322, *ante*, p. 987).