

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CUBA AND PUERTO RICO

Agreement signed at Madrid February 13, 1884

Entered into force February 13, 1884; operative March 1, 1884

*Terminated April 14, 1903, by treaty of July 3, 1902*¹

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As the commercial agreement for the improvement of the mercantile relations between the United States of America and the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, signed in this capital on the second day of January of the present year,² embraces, besides the stipulations which the Government of His Catholic Majesty may, in virtue of legal authorization, put into execution at once, others which require the examination and approbation of the legislative power, which on account of special circumstances is unable to deliberate upon them in proper time to put them in execution on the first day of March next, as agreed upon; the Government of the United States of America and the Government of His Majesty the King of Spain, and in their name John W. Foster, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of said Republic in Madrid, and His Excellency José Elduayen, Marques del Pazo de la Merced, Minister of State, duly authorized, have decided to modify the Commercial Agreement of the second of January last, and have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

In virtue of the authorization given to the Spanish Government by article 3 of the law of the 20th of July, 1882, the duties of the third column of the customs tariffs of Cuba and Porto Rico, which implies the suppression of the differential flag duty, will be applied to the products of, and articles proceeding from the United States of America.

ARTICLE 2

The Government of the United States will remove the extra duty of ten *per cent. ad valorem* which it has imposed on the products of, and articles proceeding from, Cuba and Porto Rico under the Spanish flag.

¹ TS 422, *post*, p. 628.

² TS 336, *ante*, p. 571.