

# HISTORY OF NIGERIA

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#### **PREFACE**

When I first arrived in Nigeria, in 1912, Northern and Southern Nigeria were still separate administrations, with different traditions and distinct histories. Those Europeans who were interested in one Protectorate knew little of the other, and wasted no sympathy on their neighbours, while among the inhabitants of the country the lack of a uniform system of government had accentuated the already existing differences of race, religion and culture.

In no way was the difference between Northern and Southern Nigeria more marked than in the quality of their bibliographies. Several excellent books had been written on Northern Nigeria, and the history of the Protectorate was easily available to those who wished to study it. Of Southern Nigeria, on the other hand, there was not a single complete history, and information about the people of the country, and the early British administration on the Coast, was almost impossible to find.

Still more impossible was it to obtain, in a single volume, a history of Nigeria as a whole, and the amalgamation of the 1st January, 1914, made a book of this sort more than ever necessary.

Some years ago I began to collect the necessary materials for a history of Nigeria, but before this could be completed I was transferred to the Bahamas, where I languished for five years. During

this period, for various reasons, work on the book made little progress, but it has at last been finished, and will, I hope, be published simultaneously with my return to Nigeria.

The book is designed to give to those who are interested in Nigeria, and particularly to such as are resident in the country, whether as missionaries, traders or officials, a short account of the history of its people and of their relations with the British Government.

It has been impossible to deal fully, in a volume of this size, with every incident, and those desirous of obtaining further details of any particular event are referred to the works mentioned in the notes. Those interested in ethnography should refer to the works of Mr. P. A. Talbot and Mr. C. K. Meek.

I have not attempted, in the spelling of Yoruba names, to follow the usual method of denoting the different sounds of the same letter. Thus Kosoko is printed without the usual dot beneath each "o", which, to the initiated, would imply that the name is pronounced *Kawsawkaw*. Also, where "s" (with a dot beneath it) is pronounced as "sh" I have spelt the word as it is pronounced.

Lord Lugard had been good enough to undertake the writing of a Foreword to this book, which would have increased its interest enormously, but this was, unfortunately, impossible, as there was no time for him to read the proofs before it went to press. With characteristic kindness, however, and in spite of great private anxiety, he sent me a note of which I quote a few lines as further proof of his unfailing interest in Nigeria and his sympathy for all those who have tried to serve that country:—

I regret that I should not have had an opportunity of reading the chapters which deal with events which I personally witnessed, but judging from these earlier chapters I confidently anticipate a volume which will serve as a textbook and authority on the history of Nigeria.

Owing to my departure for Nigeria, it will not be possible for me to complete the revision of the proofs of the last few chapters of the book.

A. C. BURNS

St. Leonards-on-Sea, 25th January, 1929

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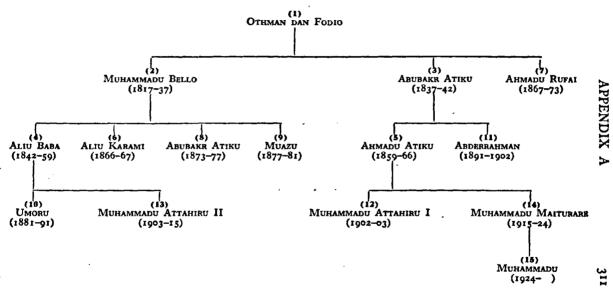
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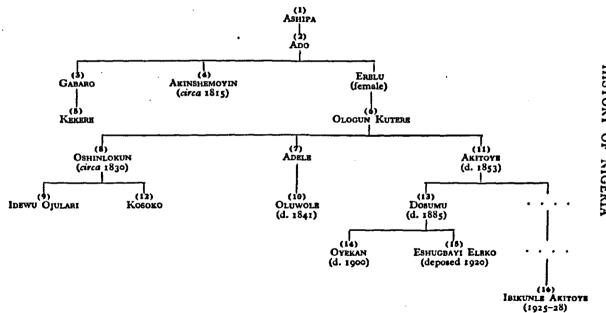


APPENDIX A

GENEALOGY OF THE SULTANS OF SOKOTO SINCE THE JIHAD



# APPENDIX B GENEALOGY OF THE LATER KINGS OF LAGOS



#### APPENDIX C

#### TREATY WITH LAGOS, 1852

Treaty with the King and Chiefs of Lagos, signed January 1, 1852.

Commodore Henry William Bruce, Commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the West Coast of Africa, and John Beecroft, Esquire, Her Majesty's Consul in the Bights of Benin and Biafra, on the part of Her Majesty the Queen of England, and the King and Chiefs of Lagos and of the neighbourhood, on the part of themselves and of their country, have agreed upon the following Articles and Conditions:—

#### ARTICLE I

The export of slaves to foreign countries is for ever abolished in the territories of the King and Chiefs of Lagos; and the King and Chiefs of Lagos engage to make and to proclaim a law prohibiting any of their subjects, or any person within their jurisdiction, from selling or assisting in the sale of any slave for transportation to a foreign country; and the King and Chiefs of Lagos promise to inflict a severe punishment on any person who shall break this law.

#### ARTICLE II

No European or other person whatever shall be permitted to reside within the territory of the King and Chiefs of Lagos for the purpose of carrying on in any way the Traffic in Slaves; and no houses, or stores, or buildings of any kind whatever shall be erected for the purpose of Slave Trade within the territory of the King and Chiefs of Lagos; and if any such houses, stores, or buildings shall at any future time be erected, and the King and Chiefs of Lagos shall fail or be unable to destroy them, they may be destroyed by any British officers employed for the suppression of Slave Trade.

#### ARTICLE III

If at any time it shall appear that Slave Trade has been carried on through or from the territory of the King and Chiefs of Lagos, the Slave Trade may be put down by Great Britain by force upon that territory, and British officers may seize the boats of Lagos found anywhere carrying on the Slave Trade; and the King and Chiefs of Lagos will be subject to a severe act of displeasure on the part of the Queen of England.

#### ARTICLE IV

The slaves now held for exportation shall be delivered to any British officer\_duly authorised to receive them, for the purpose of being

carried to a British Colony, and there liberated; and all the implements of Slave Trade, and the barracoons or buildings exclusively used in the Slave Trade, shall be forthwith destroyed.

#### ARTICLE V

Europeans or other persons now engaged in the Slave Trade are to be expelled the country; the houses, stores, or buildings hitherto employed as slave-factories, if not converted to lawful purposes within three months of the conclusion of this Engagement, are to be destroyed.

#### ARTICLE VI

The subjects of the Queen of England may always trade freely with the people of Lagos in every article they wish to buy and sell in all the places, and ports, and rivers within the territories of the King and Chiefs of Lagos, and throughout the whole of their dominions; and the King and Chiefs of Lagos pledge themselves to show no favour and give no privilege to the ships and traders of other countries which they do not show to those of England.

#### ARTICLE VII

The King and Chiefs of Lagos declare that no human being shall at any time be sacrificed within their territories on account of religious or other ceremonies; and that they will prevent the barbarous practice of murdering prisoners captured in war.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Complete protection shall be afforded to Missionaries or Ministers of the Gospel, of whatever nation or country, following their vocation of spreading the knowledge and doctrines of Christianity, and extending the benefits of civilisation within the territory of the King and Chiefs of Lagos.

Encouragement shall be given to such Missionaries or Ministers in the pursuits of industry, in building houses for their residence, and schools and chapels. They shall not be hindered or molested in their endeavours to teach the doctrines of Christianity to all persons willing and desirous to be taught; nor shall any subject of the King and Chiefs of Lagos who may embrace the Christian faith be, on that account, or on account of the teaching or exercise thereof, molested or troubled in any manner whatsoever.

The King and Chiefs of Lagos further agree to set apart a piece of land, within a convenient distance of the principal towns, to be used as a burial-ground for Christian persons. And the funerals and sepulchres of the dead shall not be disturbed in any way or upon any account.

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#### ARTICLE IX

Power is hereby expressly reserved to the Government of France to become a party to this Treaty, if it shall think fit, agreeably with the provisions contained in Article V of the Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the French for the suppression of the Traffic in Slaves, signed at London, May 22, 1845.

In faith of which we have hereunto set our hands and seals, at Lagos, on board Her Britannic Majesty's ship Penelope, 1st January, 1852.

(L.S.) H. W. BRUCE.

(L.S.) JOHN BEECROFT.

(L.S.) KING AKITOYE.

(L.S.) Атсновоо.

(L.S.) Kosae.

#### APPENDIX D

#### TREATY WITH LAGOS, 1861

Treaty between Norman B. Bedingfeld, Commander of Her Majesty's ship Prometheus, and Senior Officer of the Bights Division, and William McCoskry, Esquire, Her Britannic Majesty's Acting Consul, on the part of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, and Docemo, King of Lagos, on the part of himself and Chiefs.

#### ARTICLE I

In order that the Queen of England may be the better enabled to assist, defend, and protect the inhabitants of Lagos, and to put an end to the Slave Trade in this and the neighbouring countries, and to prevent the destructive wars so frequently undertaken by Dahomey and others for the capture of slaves, I, Docemo, do, with the consent and advice of my Council, give, transfer, and by these presents grant and confirm unto the Queen of Great Britain, her heirs and successors for ever, the port and Island of Lagos, with all the rights, profits, territories, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, and as well the profits and revenue as the direct, full, and absolute dominion and sovereignty of the said port, island, and premises, with all the royalties thereof, freely, fully, entirely, and absolutely. I do also covenant and grant that the quiet and peaceable possession thereof shall, with all possible speed, be freely and effectually delivered to the Queen of Great Britain, or such person as Her Majesty shall thereunto appoint for her use in the performance of this grant; the inhabitants of the said island and territories, as the Queen's subjects, and under her sovereignty, Crown, jurisdiction, and government, being still suffered to live there.

#### ARTICLE II

Docemo will be allowed the use of the title of King in its usual African signification, and will be permitted to decide disputes between natives of Lagos with their consent, subject to appeal to British laws.

#### ARTICLE III

In the transfer of lands, the stamp of Docemo affixed to the document will be proofs that there are no other native claims upon it, and for this purpose he will be permitted to use it as hitherto.

In consideration of the cession as before-mentioned of the port and island and territories of Lagos, the Representatives of the Queen of Great Britain do promise, subject to the approval of Her Majesty, that Docemo shall receive an annual pension from the Queen of Great Britain equal to the net revenue hitherto annually received by him;

such pension to be paid at such periods and in such mode as may hereafter be determined.

LAGOS, August 6, 1861.

| (Signed) | Dосемо   | his<br>×<br>mark. |
|----------|----------|-------------------|
|          | TELAKE   | his<br>X<br>mark. |
|          | ROCAMENA | his<br>×<br>mark. |
|          | OBALEKOW | his<br>×<br>mark. |
|          | Achebong | his<br>×<br>mark. |

NORMAN B. BEDINGFELD, Her Majesty's ship Prometheus, Senior Officer, Bights Division.

W. McCoskry,
Acting Consul.

#### APPENDIX E

#### ORDER IN COUNCIL OF THE 21st FEBRUARY, 1872

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 21st day of February, 1872.

Present: 'The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty; His Royal Highness Prince Arthur; Lord President; Lord Steward; Mr. Forster.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the 6th and 7th years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An act to remove Doubts as to the Exercise of Power and Jurisdiction by Her Majesty within divers Countries and Places out of Her Majesty's Dominions, and to render the same more effectual", it is, amongst other things, enacted that it is and shall be lawful for Her Majesty to hold, exercise, and enjoy any power or jurisdiction which Her Majesty now hath, or may at any time hereafter have, within any country or place out of Her Majesty's dominions, in the same and as ample a manner as if Her Majesty had acquired such power or jurisdiction by the cession or conquest of territory:

And whereas Her Majesty hath by sufferance power and jurisdiction over her own subjects in the States and Territories hereinafter named:—

And whereas it is expedient to make provision for the due and effectual exercise of such power and jurisdiction:

- 1. Now, therefore, in pursuance and by virtue of the said recited Act of Parliament, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Her Majesty's Consul or Consuls appointed to the places hereinafter named, shall have full power and authority to carry into effect, and to enforce by the means and in the manner hereinafter mentioned and provided, the observance of the stipulations of any Treaty, Convention, or Agreement, or of any Regulations appended to any Treaty, Convention, or Agreement now existing, or which may hereafter be made between Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and the Chief or Chiefs of any of the territories situate upon the Old Calabar, Bonny, Cameroons, New Calabar, Brass, Opobo, Nun, and Benin Rivers, or of any part of the said territories; and to make and to enforce, by fine, banishment, or imprisonment, Rules and Regulations for the observance of the stipulations of any such Treaty, Convention, or Agreement, and for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects being within the said territories.
- 2. And it is further ordered that a copy of all such Rules and Regulations made by the said Consul shall forthwith be affixed, and kept affixed and exhibited in some conspicuous place in the public office of the said Consul, and at the respective Courts of Equity, and that

printed copies of the said Rules and Regulations shall, as soon as possible, be provided by the said Consul, and sold at a price not exceeding four shillings for each copy; and for the purpose of convicting any person offending against the said Rules and Regulations, and for all other purposes of law whatsoever, a printed copy of the said Rules and Regulations, certified under the hand of the said Consul to be a true copy thereof, shall be taken as conclusive evidence of such Rules and Regulations and all things therein respectively contained, and no penalty shall be incurred or shall be enforced for the breach of any such Rules and Regulations to be hereafter made, until the same shall have been so affixed and exhibited for one calendar month in the public office of the Consul: Provided always, that any such Rule or Regulation made by Her Majesty's Consul, and to be enforced by a penalty, shall, before the first day on which the same shall be so affixed or exhibited, be transmitted to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, for allowance or disallowance; and if any such Rule or Regulation shall be disallowed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the same shall cease to have effect from the receipt by the Consul of such disallowance. nevertheless, the Consul shall not be liable to be proceeded against in any of Her Majesty's Courts in regard to any act done by him under such Rule or Regulation previously to the receipt by such Consul of its disallowance.

- 3. And it is further ordered that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul as aforesaid, upon information, or upon the complaint of any person that a British subject has violated any of the stipulations of any Treaty, Convention, or Agreement, or of any Regulations appended to any Treaty, Convention, or Agreement between Her Majesty and the Chief or Chiefs of any of the States aforesaid, or has disregarded or infringed any of the Rules or Regulations for the observance of the stipulations of any such Treaty, Convention, or Agreement, affixed and exhibited according to the provisions of the next preceding Article of this Order, to summon before him the accused person, and to receive evidence and to examine witnesses on oath, as to the guilt or innocence of such person in regard to the offence laid to his charge, and to award such penalty of fine or banishment against any person convicted of an offence against any such Treaty, Convention, or Agreement, or appended Regulations, or against the said Rules and Regulations as may be specified therein respectively; and any charge against a British subject for a breach of any such Treaty, Convention. or Agreement, or appended Regulations, or for a breach of such Rules and Regulations for the observance of any such Treaty, shall be heard and determined by the Consul without Assessors: Provided always that in no case shall the penalty to be incurred by a breach of such Rules and Regulations exceed £100, or banishment for three
  - 4. And it is further ordered that any charge against a British subject

for a breach of Rules and Regulations other than those relating to the observance of Treaties shall, in like manner, be heard and determined by Her Majesty's Consul; and in all cases in which the penalty shall not exceed £40, or banishment for one calendar month, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding fourteen days, the Consul shall hear and determine the charge summarily without the aid of Assessors: but where a penalty attached to a breach of the Rules and Regulations other than those relating to the observance of Treaties shall amount to more than £40, or to banishment for more than one month, or imprisonment for more than fourteen days, the Consul, before he shall proceed to hear the charge, shall summon two disinterested British subjects of good repute, being members of a Court of Equity, as hereinafter provided (see Section 5), to sit with him as Assessors, which Assessors, however, shall have no authority to decide on the innocence or guilt of the person charged, or on the amount of fine or punishment to be awarded to him on conviction, but it shall rest with the Consul to decide on the guilt or innocence of the person charged, and on the amount of fine or punishment to be awarded to him: Provided always, that in no case shall the penalty to be attached to a breach of Rules and Regulations other than those for the observance of Treaties exceed £100, or banishment for more than three calendar months, or imprisonment for more than twenty-one days; and provided further, that in the event of the said Assessors, or either of them, dissenting from the conviction of the party charged, or from the penalty of fine or other punishment awarded to him by the Consul. the Consul shall take a note of such dissent, with the grounds thereof, and shall require good and sufficient security for the appearance of the person convicted at a future time, in order to undergo his sentence or receive his discharge; and in default of such security being given. it shall be lawful for the Consul to cause the person to be detained in custody until such security is given; and the Consul shall, with as little delay as possible, report his decision with all the particulars of the case, together with the dissent of the Assessors, or either of them, and the grounds for their dissent, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who shall have authority to confirm or vary or reverse the decision of the Consul as to him may seem fit.

5. And it is further ordered that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to reorganise within the territories aforesaid, the local Courts, known as the Courts of Equity, appointed for the settlement, by permission of the Consul, of trading disputes between British subjects or between British traders and natives, such Courts of Equity to be composed of British agents and traders at the place where the Courts is established, and out of their members to supply the Assessors required to assist the Consul in the trial of more important cases; and the Consul is hereby empowered carefully to lay down Regulations for the guidance of such Courts, whose decisions shall, after being submitted to and sanctioned by the Consul, be deemed and taken to

be the decision of Her Majesty's Consul in such trading dispute or cause of litigation, and shall have the like effect and operation, and shall be entered and recorded as such, and shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be open to appeal; Provided always, and it is hereby ordered, that every British agent or trader, residing within any of the territorics aforesaid, who shall, upon requisition from the Consul, refuse to be enrolled as a member of the Court of Equity established at the place where he resides, shall, so long as he continue to refuse, forfeit his right to protection, as a British subject, in respect to any suit, dispute, or difficulty in which he may have been or may be engaged or involved within the territories aforesaid, so long as he refuses to enrol himself as a member of such Court.

- 6. And it is further ordered, that all suits, disputes, differences, and causes of litigation of a civil nature arising between British subjects within the territories aforesaid, shall be heard and determined by Her Majesty's Consul, or in his absence and with the consent of the parties to the suit, by the local Court of Equity, whose decision must, however, in all cases be submitted to the Consul for his final sanction before it can be carried into effect.
- 7. And it is further ordered, and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul, or for the Court of Equity, but subject to the sanction of the Consul, in like manner to hear and determine any suit of a civil nature arising within the territories aforesaid between a British subject and a subject of the native Chief or Chiefs, or a subject or citizen of any other Foreign State or Government in amity with Her Majesty: Provided always that the native or other foreigner who may be party to such suit, either as Complainant or Defendant, shall have consented to submit to the jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Consul or of the Court of Equity, and will give sufficient security that he will abide by his decision, and will pay such expenses as the Consul or Court shall adjudge.
- 8. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to summon not less than two, and not more than four, disinterested British subjects of good repute, being members of a Court of Equity as hereinbefore provided, to sit with him as Assessors at the hearing of any suit, dispute, difference, or cause of litigation whatever of a civil nature brought before him for decision; and in case the sum sought to be recovered shall exceed £100, such suit shall not be heard by the Consul without Assessors, if within a reasonable time such Assessors can be procured; but the Assessors aforesaid shall have no authority to decide on the merits of such suit; but in the event of such Assessors, or any of them, dissenting from the decision of the Consul, the Consul shall enter the fact of such dissent and the grounds thereof in the Minutes of the Proceedings.
- 9. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to enforce his decision, or that of the Court of Equity composed as aforesaid, when sanctioned by him, in favour of or against a

British subject in a civil suit, dispute, difference, or cause of litigation, by distress and sale.

10. And it is further ordered, that Her Majesty's Consul shall have power in any suit or proceedings before him, to examine on oath, or in such form and with such ceremonies as the witness may declare to be binding on his conscience, any witness who may appear before him, and shall have power, on the application of any party in such suit, to issue a compulsory order for the attendance of any British subject, being within the territories aforesaid, who may be competent to give evidence in such suit; and any British subject who shall have been duly served with any such compulsory order, and with a reasonable notice of the day of hearing of such suit, and upon his fair and just expenses of appearing as a witness having been paid or tendered to him by the party at whose application he shall have been ordered to attend, shall, on his wilful default to appear as a witness at the hearing of such suit, be punished with a fine not exceeding £20, or with banishment for a term not exceeding thirty days, at the discretion of the said Consul.

Lin. Every witness, being a British subject, so examined on oath before the Consul, who shall in any such examination give wilfully false testimony, may be convicted of and punished by the said Consul for the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury.

- 12. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to promote the settlement of any civil suit, dispute, difference, or cause of litigation, by amicable agreement between the parties; and, with the consent of the several parties, to refer the decision of a suit or contention to the local Court of Equity composed as aforesaid, acting as Arbitrators, and to take security from the parties that they will be bound by the result of such arbitration; and the award of such Arbitrators shall be, to all intents and purposes, deemed and taken to be a judgment or sentence of Her Majesty's Consul in such civil suit, dispute, difference, or cause of litigation, and shall be entered and recorded as such, and shall have the like effect and operation, and shall be enforced accordingly, and shall be final and conclusive to all intents and purposes, and shall not be open to appeal, unless the same shall, within a reasonable time, have been ordered by the Consul to be set aside, on the ground that it is not final, or is defective, or that the Arbitrators have exceeded their authority, or have been guilty of misconduct in the matter.
- 13. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to cause to be apprehended and brought before him any British subject who may be charged with having committed any crime or offence within the territories aforesaid; and such Consul shall thereupon proceed with all convenient speed to inquire of the same, and for such purpose shall have power to examine on oath, or in such form and with such ceremony as the witness shall declare to be binding on his conscience, any witness who may appear before him to prove

the charge, and also shall have power to compel any British subject being within the territories aforesaid, who may be competent to give evidence as to the guilt or innocence of the party so charged, to appear and give evidence, and to punish the wilful default of any such person to appear and give evidence, after reasonable notice of the day of the hearing of such charge, by fine or other punishment, in like manner as is provided in Article 10 of this Order, and shall examine every such witness in the presence and hearing of the party accused, and shall afford the party accused all reasonable facility for cross-examining such witness, and shall cause the deposition of every such witness to be reduced to writing, and the same to be read over and, if necessary, explained to the party accused, together with any other evidence that may have been urged against him during the course of the inquiry. and shall require such accused party to defend himself against the charge brought against him, and, if necessary, advise him of the legal effect of any voluntary confession, and shall take the evidence upon oath or in such form and with such ceremony as the witness shall declare to be binding on his conscience, of any witness whom the accused party may tender to be examined in his defence; and every witness, being a British subject, so examined as aforesaid, who shall upon any such occasion give wilfully false testimony, may be convicted of and punished for the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury; and when the case has been fully inquired into, and the innocence or guilt of the person accused has been established to the satisfaction of the Consul, the Consul, as the case may be, shall either discharge the party accused from custody if satisfied of his innocence, or proceed to pass sentence on him if satisfied of his guilt; and it shall be lawful for the Consul, having inquired of, tried, and determined in the manner aforesaid any charge which may be brought before him, to award to the party convicted any amount of punishment not exceeding a fine of £40, or banishment for one calendar month, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

14. And it is further ordered that, if the crime or offence whereof any person, being a British subject, may be accused before Her Majesty's Consul as aforesaid, shall appear to such Consul to be of such a nature as, if proved, would not be adequately punished by the infliction of such punishment as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for such Consul to summon not less than two, or not more than four, disinterested British subjects of good repute, being members of a Court of Equity as hereinbefore provided, to sit with him as Assessors for inquiring of, trying, and determining the charges against such person; and the Consul, when he shall try any such charge with the assistance of Assessors as aforesaid, shall, if he is himself convinced of the guilt of the party accused, have power to award any amount of punishment not exceeding a fine of £200, or banishment for twelve calendar months, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding twenty-one days, and the Assessors aforesaid shall have no authority to decide on

the innocence or guilt of the party accused, or on the amount of punishment to be awarded to him on conviction; but, in the event of the said Assessors, or any of them, dissenting from the conviction of, or from the amount of punishment awarded to, the accused party, the Assessors or Assessor so dissenting shall be authorised to record in the minutes of the proceedings the grounds on which they or he may so dissent, and the Consul shall forthwith report to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the fact of such dissent. and of its having been so recorded in the minutes of the proceedings. and shall, as soon as possible, lay before him copies of the whole of the depositions and proceedings, with the dissent of the Assessor or Assessors recorded therein, with the grounds thereof; and it shall be lawful thereupon for Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, by warrant under his hand and seal addressed to the Consul, to confirm, or vary or remit altogether, as to the said Secretary of State may seem fit, the sentence and punishment awarded to the party accused, and such Consul shall give immediate effect to the injunction of any such warrant: Provided always, that in any case in which the Assessor or Assessors shall dissent from the conviction of, or from the amount of punishment awarded to the accused party, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to take good and sufficient bail from the accused party to appear and undergo the punishment awarded to him, provided the same or any portion thereof be confirmed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, which punishment so confirmed shall commence and take effect from the day on which the decision of the Court shall be notified to the party accused.

15. And in order more effectually to repress crimes and offences on the part of British subjects within the territories aforesaid, it is further ordered, that it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to order by writing under his hand and seal any British subject who shall have been twice convicted before him of any crime and offence, and punished for the same, and who, after execution of the sentence of the Consul, on any second conviction, shall not be able to find good and sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Consul for his future good behaviour, or who, having been sent out of any of the aforesaid territories, under any sentence, shall, during such sentence, return, to be sent out of his Consular District; and to this end the Consul shall have power and authority, as soon as may be practicable after execution of the sentence on such second conviction, to give notice to any such twice-convicted party, or any person so returning as aforesaid, that he must leave his Consular District under penalty of a fine not exceeding f. 100, such fine to be increased, or a punishment not exceeding twenty-one days' imprisonment awarded, at the discretion of the Consul, in the event of the party refusing to obey such notice.

16. And it is further ordered that, in any case in which any British

subject shall be accused before Her Majesty's Consul of the crime of arson, or housebreaking, or cutting and maiming, or stabbing or wounding, or of any assault endangering life, or of wilfully causing any bodily injury dangerous to life, or of wilful or corrupt perjury, or of engaging in or being accessory to the purchase or sale of slaves. or of having slaves illegally in his possession, or of theft, the proceedings before the Consul shall be carried on with the aid of Assessors convened in the manner aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for the Consul. if to him it shall seem fit, to order by writing under his hand and seal any person convicted before him of any of the crimes or offences aforesaid, over and above any fine or other punishment which may be awarded to such person, to be sent out of the Consular District for such time as to him shall seem meet, in the manner pointed out in the next preceding Article of this Order, notwithstanding the crime laid to the charge of such person may be the first of which he has been convicted before the Consul.

- 17. And it is further ordered that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul within the territories aforesaid, upon information laid before him by one or more credible witnesses that there is reasonable ground to apprehend that any British subject is about to commit a breach of the public peace within any of the territories aforesaid, to cause such British subject to be brought before him, and to require such British subject to give sufficient security to keep the peace; and in the event of any British subject being convicted of, and punished for, a breach of the peace, to cause such British subject, after he shall have undergone the punishment which may have been awarded to him by the Consul, to find security for his good behaviour; and in the event of any British subject who may be required as aforesaid to give sufficient security to keep the peace, or to find security for his good behaviour. being unable or wilfully omitting to do so, then and in any such case it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to give notice to such British subject to leave his Consular District, in the manner pointed out in Article 15 of this Order.
- 18. And it is further ordered, that in all cases in which a British subject shall have been sent out of any of the territories aforesaid, or out of the Consular District, as provided in the three next preceding Articles of this Order, the Consul sending him out shall forthwith report such act of banishment, with the grounds of his decision thereon, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.
- 19. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul to cause to be apprehended and brought before him any British subject who may be charged with smuggling or importing into his Consular District any goods whereon any duty shall be charged or payable to the recognised Chief or Chiefs of any of the territories aforesaid, with the intent to evade the payment of such duty, or any goods the importation whereof shall be prohibited by the said Chief or Chiefs, or by Her Majesty's Consuls; and such Consul shall there-

upon proceed with all convenient speed to inquire into the same on oath or solemn affirmation, and to hear the witnesses on both sides. with like powers and in like manner in all respects as is provided by Article 10 of this Order. And it shall be lawful for the Consul, having inquired into and heard the said charge, to determine the same, and if he shall find the party guilty, if the charge against him shall be of importing into the said dominions prohibited goods, then to award him to pay a fine not exceeding treble the value of the said goods at the current price of the day; and if the charge shall be of smuggling or importing goods with intent to evade the payment of duty as aforesaid. then to award him to pay a fine not exceeding treble the amount of duties leviable thereon, and in cases of non-payment of any such fine or fines to award him a corresponding punishment. Provided always. that no British subject charged only with importing prohibited goods shall be apprehended, unless and until he shall have had one week's notice to appear and answer the charge, and shall have refused, failed, or omitted so to appear.

20. And it is further ordered, that in cases of common assault it shall be lawful for the Consul before whom the complaint is made, or in his absence, for the members of the Local Court of Equity, composed as aforesaid, to promote reconciliation between the parties, and to suffer compensation and amends to be made, and the proceedings thereby to be finally stayed.

21. And it is further ordered, that a minute of the proceedings in every case heard and determined before a Consul or before a Court of Equity in pursuance of this Order, shall be carefully drawn up, and be signed by the Consul; or, if he should not have been present at the sitting of the Court, shall be sent to him for his sanction and signature, and shall, in cases where the Assessors are present, be open for the inspection of such Assessors and for their signature, if they therein shall concur; and every such minute, together with the depositions of the witnesses, shall be preserved in the public office of the said Consul.

22. And it is further ordered, that save and except as regards toffences committed by British subjects against the stipulations of his y Treaties, Conventions, or Agreements between Her Majesty aforesake Chief or Chiefs of the territories specified in Article 1, or return, tony Rules and Regulations for the observance of the stipula-Consul shauch Treaties, Conventions, or Agreements duly affixed and after execu according to the provisions of Article 2 of this Order, or notice to are Rules and Regulations for the peace, order, and good as aforesaid, of Her Majesty's subjects within the territories aforesaid, of a fine not us Order, no act done by a British subject within the said ment not exc by Her Majesty's Consul be deemed and taken to be a discretion of themeanour, or offence rendering the person committing notice.

Punishment, which, if done within any part of Her 16. And it is nions, would not by a Court of Justice having criminal

jurisdiction in Her Majesty's dominions, have been deemed and taken to be a crime or misdemeanour or offence, rendering the person committing it amenable to punishment; or unless it be an act for which the person committing it is, or shall, by this or any other Order in Council relating to any of the territories aforesaid, be made liable to punishment.

23. And it is further ordered, that all fines and penalties imposed under this Order may be levied by distress and seizure, and sale of ships, and of goods and chattels; and no bill of sale, mortgage, or transfer of property made by a party accused after his apprehension, or with a view to securing such party against any crime or offence committed, or to be committed by him, or against the consequences thereof, shall avail to defeat any of the provisions of this Order.

24. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul, from time to time, to establish rules of procedure and practice to be observed in proceedings before him, or before the Courts of Equity, composed as aforesaid, and to make Regulations for defraying the expenses of witnesses in such proceedings, and the cost of criminal prosecutions, and also to establish rates and scales of fees to be taken in regard to civil suits heard and determined before the said Consul; and it shall be lawful for the said Consul to enforce by seizure and sale of goods, or, if there be no sufficient goods, by such other punishment as he may deem expedient, the payment of such established fees, and of such costs or expenses as may be adjudged against the parties, or any of them: Provided always that a table specifying the rates of fees to be so taken shall be affixed and kept exhibited in the public office of the said Consul.

25. And it is further ordered, that all fees, penalties, fines, and forfeitures levied under this Order, shall be paid to the public account, and shall be applied in diminution of the public expenditure on account of Her Majesty's Consulate in the territories aforesaid.

26. And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty's Consul, if called upon to do so, to grant probate of the will or letters of administration to the intestate estate of any British subject, or any native of a State or place under British protection, who shall die and leave property within any of the aforesaid territories; and if such probate or letters of administration shall not be applied for within thirty days after the death of the deceased person, it shall be lawful for the Consul to administer to the estate of such person, and for so doing to reserve to himself out of the proceeds of such estate a commission not exceeding two and a half per cent, on the amount thereof: and in case any agent for any firm in the United Kingdom shall die within the territories aforesaid, and there should be no person competent to take charge of his property or that of the firm, the Consul shall cause a full and true inventory to be made of all the property in charge of the deceased, and shall transmit such inventory, or a copy ' thereof, to the firm, and it shall also be lawful for the Consul in such

case (if he shall think fit) to appoint any proper person to be the agent of the firm until the pleasure of such firm be ascertained.

- 27. And it is further ordered, that a register shall be kept by Her Majesty's Consul of all British subjects residing within the territories aforesaid; and that every British subject now residing within those territories shall, within a reasonable time after the promulgation of this Order (such time to be specified in a notice affixed and publicly exhibited in the Consular Office), apply to the Consul to be enrolled in such register; and every British subject who may arrive within the said territories (except British subjects borne on the muster-roll of any British ship) shall, within a reasonable time after his arrival (such time to be specified as aforesaid), also apply to the Consul to be enrolled in such register; and any British subject who shall refuse or neglect to comply to be so enrolled as hereinbefore mentioned. and who shall not excuse such refusal or neglect to the satisfaction of the Consul, shall, so long as he refuses, not be entitled to be recognised or protected as a British subject in respect to any suit, dispute, or difficulty in which he may have been or may be engaged or involved within the territories aforesaid, at any time when he shall not have been or shall not be so enrolled.
- 28. And it is further ordered, that Her Majesty's Consul shall and may exercise within his Consular District all or any of the powers which, by any Act or Acts of the Imperial Parliament for the regulation of merchant seamen, or for the regulation of the mercantile marine, or for the enforcement of regulations regarding quarantine, may now or at any time hereafter be exercised by any justice or justices of the peace within Her Majesty's dominions.
- 29. And it is further ordered, that nothing in this Order contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent Her Majesty's Consul in the territories aforesaid from doing or performing any act whatsoever which British Consuls within any other State in amity with Her Majesty are by law, usage, or sufferance entitled or enabled to do or perform.
- 30. And it is further ordered, that every action or suit brought against Her Majesty's Consul by reason of anything done under the authority of this Order shall be brought against the Consul alone, and not against any member of a Court of Equity duly authorised by the Consul to hear and entertain any civil suit, provided always, that the decision of such Court has received his sanction; and any such suit or action must be commenced in England within six calendar months next after the doing of the act in respect of which such action or suit is brought, and not otherwise; and the defendant in every such action or suit shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions made with respect to defendants in actions or suits in the said hereinbefore recited Act of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign.
- 31. And it is further ordered, that the word "Consul" in this Order shall include every person duly authorised to act in the aforesaid

capacity within the territories specified in Article 1, and the term "Court of Equity" shall be construed to include the principal resident British merchants and traders, duly authorised by the Consul to hear and entertain civil suits within their respective districts, as provided in Article 5; and that, in the construction of this Order, words importing the singular number shall, if necessary, be understood to include several persons, matters, or things; and words importing the masculine gender only shall, if necessary, be understood to import the feminine gender, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction.

32. And it is further ordered, that the provisions of this Order relating to British subjects shall extend and apply to all subjects of Her Majesty, whether by birth or by naturalisation, and also to all persons, natives or others, properly enjoying Her Majesty's protection within the territories specified in Article 1.

33. It is further ordered, that this Order shall take effect on and after the twenty-first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

34. And the Right Honourable Earl Granville and the Right Honourable Earl of Kimberley, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

ARTHUR HELPS.

#### APPENDIX F

#### TREATY WITH ASABA, 1884

Treaty with Kings, Queen, and Chiefs of Asaba, signed at Asaba.

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, etc., and the Kings, Queen, and Chiefs of Asaba, being desirous of maintaining and strengthening the relations of peace and friendship which have for so long existed between them:

Her Britannic Majesty has named and appointed E. H. Hewett, Esq., her Consul for the Bights of Benin and Biafra, to conclude a Treaty for this purpose.

The said E. H. Hewett, Esq., and the said Kings, Queen, and Chiefs of Asaba have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

#### ARTICLE I

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, etc., in compliance with the request of the Kings, Queen, Chiefs, and people of Asaba, hereby undertakes to extend to them, and to the territory under their authority and jurisdiction, her gracious favour and protection.

#### ARTICLE II

The Kings, Queen, and Chiefs of Asaba agree and promise to refrain from entering into any correspondence, Agreement, or Treaty with any foreign nation or Power, except with the knowledge and sanction of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

#### ARTICLE III

It is agreed that full and exclusive jurisdiction, civil and criminal, over British subjects and their property in the territory of Asaba is reserved to Her Britannic Majesty, to be exercised by such Consular or other officers as Her Majesty shall appoint for that purpose.

The same jurisdiction is likewise reserved to Her Majesty in the said territory of Asaba over foreign subjects enjoying British protection, who shall be deemed to be included in the expression "British subject" throughout this Treaty.

#### ARTICLE IV

All disputes between the Kings, Queen, and Chiefs of Asaba, or between them and British or foreign traders or between the aforesaid Kings, Queen, and Chiefs and neighbouring tribes, which cannot be settled amicably between the two parties, shall be submitted to the British Consular or other officers appointed by Her Britannic Majesty to exercise jurisdiction in Asaba territories for arbitration and decision, or for arrangement.

#### ARTICLE V

The Kings, Queen, and Chiefs of Asaba hereby engage to assist the British Consular or other officers in the execution of such duties as may be assigned to them; and, further, to act upon their advice in matters relating to the administration of justice, the development of the resources of the country, the interests of commerce, or in any other matter in relation to peace, order and good government, and the general progress of civilization.

#### ARTICLE VI

The subjects and citizens of all countries may freely carry on trade in every part of the territories of the Kings, Queen, and Chiefs parties hereto, and may have houses and factories therein, subject to the Agreement made on the 28th August, 1884, between the Kings, Queen, and Chiefs and the National African Company (Limited), of London.

#### ARTICLE VII

All ministers of the Christian religion shall be permitted to reside and exercise their calling within the territories of the aforesaid Kings, Queen, and Chiefs, who hereby guarantee to them full protection.

All forms of religious worship and religious ordinances may be exercised within the territories of the aforesaid Kings, Queen, and Chiefs, and no hindrance shall be offered thereto.

#### ARTICLE VIII

If any vessels should be wrecked within the Asaba territories, the Kings, Queen, and Chiefs will give them all the assistance in their power, will secure them from plunder, and also recover and deliver to the owners or agents all the property which can be saved.

If there are no such owners or agents on the spot, then the said property shall be delivered to the British Consular or other officer.

The Kings, Queen, and Chiefs further engage to do all in their power to protect the persons and property of the officers, crew, and others on board such wrecked vessels.

All claims for salvage dues in such cases shall, if disputed, be referred to the British Consular or other officer for arbitration and decision.

#### ARTICLE IX

This Treaty shall come into operation, so far as may be practicable, from the date of its signature.

Done in duplicate at Asaba, this 1st day of November, 1884.

(Signed) EDWARD HYDE HEWETT.

KING OBI AKATA, his × mark.

KING OBI NEZA OMUKRORU, his X mark.

KING OBI WABUNI, his X mark.

KING OBI OSUDEBE, his X mark.

KING OBI RAPU OKOSA, his X mark.

KING OBI NTEE, his X mark.

KING OBI MEMEKA, his × mark.

KING OBI OGASIE, his X mark.

KING OBI CHEGEA, his X mark.

KING OBI NEYA, his X mark.

KING OBI AUBA, his X mark.

QUEEN OMU WANUKA, her × mark.

KING OBI ONACHIA, his X mark.

KING OBI EHBUAKA, his X mark.

CHIEF OSADEBE, his × mark.

CHIEF ITOR OMORDIE, his X mark.

CHIEF AFEHNAZA OMORDIE, his X mark.

CHIEF BALLIE OMORDIE, his X mark.

CHIEF MBA ODIE, his X mark.

CHIEF AWUNOR ODIE, his X mark.

Witness to the mark-signatures of the above thirteen Kings, of the Queen, and of the six Chiefs:

(Signed) REGINALD GOUGH PAYNTER.

(Signature in Arabic of "Mohamedu Shitta", a merchant of Lagos, where he is also known as William Shitta.)

#### APPENDIX G

#### TREATY WITH SOKOTO, 1885

Copy of English duplicate of Treaty between Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan and Sultan ot Sokoto, for himself and Chiefs, on the one part, and those Europeans trading on the Kworra and Benué, under the name of the "National African Company (Limited)". on the other part.

#### ARTICLE I

For the mutual advantage of ourselves and people, and those Europeans trading under the name of the "National African Company (Limited)", I, Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan, with the consent and advice of my Council, grant and transfer to the above people, or other with whom they may arrange, my entire rights to the country on both sides of the River Benué and rivers flowing into it throughout my dominions for such distance from its and their banks as they may desire.

#### ARTICLE II

We further grant to the above-mentioned Company the sole right, among foreigners, to trade in our territories, and the sole right, also among foreigners, to possess or work places from which are extracted articles such as lead and antimony.

#### ARTICLE III

We further declare that no communication will be held with foreigners coming from the rivers except through the above-mentioned Company.

#### ARTICLE IV

These grants we make for ourselves, our heirs, and successors for ever, and declare them to be irrevocable.

#### ARTICLE V

The Europeans above named, the National African Company (Limited), agree to make Umoru, Sultan of Sokoto, a yearly present of

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goods to the value of 3,000 bags of cowries, in return for the above grants.

Signed and sealed at Wurnu, the 1st June, 1885.

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(Signature of the Sultan in Arabic.) (Great seal of the Empire of Sokoto.)

For the National African Company (Limited).

JOSEPH THOMPSON, F.R.G.S.

#### Witnesses:

W. J. SEAGO. D. Z. VIERA.

T. Joseph.

(An Arabic duplicate was at the same time executed by both parties.)

#### APPENDIX H

#### TREATY WITH SOKOTO, 1890

Literal translation of second Treaty, in Arabic, between Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan and Sokoto, on the one part, and the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited), on the other part.

Be it known that I, Umoru, King of the Mussulmans, am desirous of introducing European trade in all parts of my dominions, so as to increase the prosperity of my people, and knowing that this cannot be effected except by securing to foreigners the protection of European government, with power of exercising jurisdiction over foreigners, as is the custom with them; also with the power of levying taxes upon foreigners as may be necessary for the exercise and support of this jurisdiction: I, Umoru, King of the Mussulmans of the Soudan, with the consent and advice of my Council, agree and grant to the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited)—formerly known as the "National African Company (Limited)"—full and complete power and jurisdiction over all foreigners visiting or residing in any part of my dominions. I also grant you jurisdiction and full rights of protection over all foreigners; also power of raising taxes of any kind whatsoever from such foreigners.

No person shall exercise any jurisdiction over such foreigners, nor levy any tax whatsoever on such foreigners than the Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited).

These grants I make for myself, my heirs, and successors, and declare them to be unchangeable and irrevocable for ever.

I further confirm the Treaty made by me with the National African Company (Limited)—now known as the "Royal Niger Company (Chartered and Limited)"—in the month of June, according to European reckoning, 1885.

Dated at Wurnu, this 15th day of April, 1890.

#### APPENDIX I

## TREATY WITH OPOBO, 1884

Preliminary Treaty with the King and Chiefs of Opobo.

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, etc., and the King and Chiefs of Opobo, being desirous of maintaining and strengthening the relations of peace and friendship which have so long existed between them:

Her Britannic Majesty has named and appointed E. H. Hewett, Esq., Her Consul for the Bights of Benin and Biafra, to conclude a Treaty for this purpose.

The said E. H. Hewett, Esq., and the said King and Chiefs of Opobo have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

### ARTICLE I

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, etc., in compliance with the request of the King, Chiefs, and People of Opobo, hereby undertakes to extend to them and to the territory under their authority and jurisdiction Her Gracious favour and protection.

#### ARTICLE II

The King and Chiefs of Opobo agree and promise to refrain from entering into any correspondence, agreement, or Treaty with any foreign nation or Power except with the knowledge and sanction of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

### ARTICLE III

This Preliminary Treaty shall come into operation from the date of its signature.

Done in Duplicate the first day of July, 1884, on board Her Britannic Majesty's Ship Flirt, anchored in Opobo River.

Seal of the British (Signed) EDWARD HYDE HEWETT.

Consul for the
Bights of Benin and Biafra.

Cookey.

#### APPENDIX I

# SECOND TREATY WITH OPOBO, 1884

Treaty with the King and Chiefs of Opobo, signed at Opobo.

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, etc., and the King and Chiefs of Opobo, being desirous of maintaining and strengthening the relations of peace and friendship which have so long existed between them:

Her Britannic Majesty has named and appointed E. H. HEWETT, Esq., her Consul for the Bights of Benin and Biafra, to conclude a Treaty for this purpose.

The said E. H. HEWETT, Esq., and the said Chiefs of Opobo have

agreed upon and concluded the following articles:-

#### ARTICLE I

Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, etc., in compliance with the request of the King, Chiefs, and People of Opobo, hereby undertakes to extend to them and to the Territory under their authority and jurisdiction Her Gracious favour and protection,

#### ARTICLE II

The King and Chiefs of Opobo agree and promise to refrain from entering into correspondence, agreement, or treaty with any foreign nation or Power except with the knowledge and sanction of Her Britannic Majesty's Government.

#### ARTICLE III

It is agreed that free and exclusive jurisdiction Civil and Criminal over British Subjects and their property in the territory of Opobo is reserved to Her Britannic Majesty to be exercised by such Consular or other Officer as Her Majesty shall appoint for that purpose.

The same Jurisdiction is likewise reserved to Her Majesty in the said territory of Opobo over Foreign Subjects enjoying British protection who shall be deemed to be included in the expression "British Subjects" throughout this Treaty.

#### ARTICLE IV

All disputes between the King and Chiefs of Opobo, or between them and British or Foreign Traders, or between the aforesaid King

and Chiefs and neighbouring tribes, which cannot be settled anicably between the two parties, shall be submitted to the British Consular or other Officers, appointed by Her Britannic Majesty to exercise Jurisdiction in Opobo territories, for arbitration and decision or for arrangement.

#### ARTICLE V

The King and Chiefs of Opobo hereby engage to assist the British Consular or other officers in the execution of such duties as may be assigned to them, and further to act upon their advice in matters relating to the administration of Justice, the development of the resources of the country, the interests of commerce, or in any matter in relation to peace, order, and Government and the general progress of civilisation.

#### ARTICLE VI

(As printed in the treaty being expunged.)

### ARTICLE VII

All white Ministers of the Christian Religion shall be permitted to exercise their calling within the territories of the aforesaid King and Chiefs, who hereby guarantee to them full protection.

### ARTICLE VIII

If any vessels should be wrecked within the Opobo territories, the King and Chiefs will give them all the assistance in their power, will secure them from plunder, and also recover and deliver to the Owners or Agents all the Property which can be saved. If there are no such owners or agents on the spot, then the said property shall be delivered to the British Consular or other officer.

The King and Chiefs further engage to do all in their power to protect the persons and property of the officers, crew and others on board such wrecked vessels. All claims for salvage due in such cases shall, if disputed, be referred to the British Consular or other Officer for arbitration and decision.

#### ARTICLE IX

This Treaty shall come into operation so far as practicable from the date of its signature.

Done in duplicate at Opobo, this nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

(Signed) EDWARD HYDE HEWETT.
JA JA.
COOKEY GAM.
PRINCE SATURDAY JA JA.
FINEBOURNE, his X mark.

JOHN AFRICA. X × How STRONGFACE. Ocolo. X X WILLIAM OBANNEY. BLACK FOUBRAH. X SHOO PETERSIDE. × SAM ANNIE PEPPLE. X THOMAS JA JA. X ×××××× SAM OKO EPELLA. DUKE OF NORFOLK. WILLIAM TOBY. JUNGI. CAPT. URANTA, WARISOE. SAMUEL GEORGE TOBY.

Witnesses to the above marks.

(Signed)—
HAROLD E. WHITE,
H.M. Vice-Consul.

R. D. Boler, Chairman of the Court of Equity.

#### APPENDIX K

# BRITISH CONSULS IN NIGERIA, 1849-1900

Consul for the Bights of Benin and Biafra (Territories lying between Cape St. Paul and Cape St. John).

1849 J. BEECROFT.

| Consuls for the Bight of Benin (Lagos): |              | Consuls for the Bight of Biafra (Fernando Po): |    |  |
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| 1853                                    | B. CAMPBELL. | 1853 J. BEECROFT.                              |    |  |
| 1859                                    | G. BRAND.    | 1855 T. J. Hutchinson.                         |    |  |
| 1860                                    | H. G. FOOTE. | 1861 CAPTAIN R. F. BURTO                       | N. |  |
| T261                                    | H S FORDWAN  | 1864 C. LIVINGSTONE                            |    |  |

(After Lagos became a Colony, the Governor was also for a few years Consul for the Bight of Benin.)

Consuls for the Bights of Benin and Biafra (Fernando Po):

1867 C. LIVINGSTONE. 1873 G. HARTLEY. 1878 D. HOPKINS.

1880 E. H. HEWETT.

(Headquarters transferred to Old Calabar in 1873, back to Fernando Po in 1875, and finally to Old Calabar in 1882.)

Commissioners and Consuls-General for the Oil Rivers and Niger Coast Protectorate (and Consuls for Fernando Po):

1891 MAJOR C. M. MACDONALD.

1806 R. D. R. Moor.

Consul at Lokoja:

1866 J. L. McLEOD.

(Consulate closed in 1869)

### APPENDIX L

# GOVERNORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN NIGERIA

### Settlement of Lagos:

| 1862 | Governor            | H. S. FREEMAN.          |
|------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1863 | Lieutenant-Governor | CAPTAIN W. R. MULLINER. |
| 1864 |                     | J. H. GLOVER.           |

(In 1866 Lagos was placed under the Governor of the West African Settlements, resident at Sierra Leone.)

| 1866 | Administrator | Admiral C. G. E. Patey. |
|------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1866 | **            | J. H. GLOVER.           |
| 1872 | **            | G. Berkley.             |
| 1873 | ,,            | Captain G. C. Strahan,  |

(In 1874 Lagos was placed under the Governor of the Gold Coast Colony.)

1874 Lieutenant-Governor C. C. Lees. 1880 ... W. Brandford Griffith.

(In 1886 Lagos was separated from the Gold Coast.)

| x886  | Governor     | SIR C. A. MOLONEY.  |
|-------|--------------|---------------------|
| 1891  | **           | SIR G. T. CARTER.   |
| 1897  | ,,           | SIR H. E. M'CALLUM. |
| 1899  | **           | SIR W. MACGREGOR.   |
| 1904  | <b>&gt;1</b> | SIR W. EGERTON.     |
| - 404 | **           | DIN TT. EGERION.    |

From 1891 to 1900 the Oil Rivers and Niger Coast Protectorates were governed by Commissioners and Consuls-General (see Appendix K). In 1900 the Niger Coast Protectorate became

## The Protectorate of Southern Nigeria:

| 1900 | High Commissioner | Sir | R. | D. | R.  | Moon. |
|------|-------------------|-----|----|----|-----|-------|
| 1904 | 93                | Sir | W. | Ec | ERT | ON.   |

In 1906 Lagos and Southern Nigeria were amalgamated, and became

The Colony and Protectorate of Southern Nigeria:

| 1906 | Governor | SIR W. EGERTON.      |
|------|----------|----------------------|
| 1912 | **       | SIR F. J. D. LUGARD. |

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In 1900, after the Royal Niger Company had surrendered their Charter, there was set up

# The Protectorate of Northern Nigeria:

| 1900 | High Commissioner | SIR F. J. D. LUGARD.  |
|------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1907 | Governor          | SIR E. P. C. GIROUARD |
| 1909 | 99                | SIR H. HESKETH BELL.  |
| 1912 | ••                | SIR F. J. D. LUGARD.  |

In 1914 the two administrations of Northern and Southern Nigeria were amalgamated, and became

# The Colony and Protectorate of Nigeria:

| 1914 | Governor-General | SIR F. J. D. LUGARD. |
|------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1919 | Governor         | SIR H. C. CLIFFORD.  |
| 1025 |                  | SIR G. THOMSON,      |

#### APPENDIX M

# TREATY WITH ABEOKUTA, 1893

Treaty of Friendship and Commerce made at Abeokuta in the Egba country, this 18th (eighteenth) day of January, in the year 1893.

Between His Excellency Gilbert Thomas Carter, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Lagos, for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, etc., Her Heirs and Successors, on the one part, and the undersigned King (Alake) and Authorities of Abeokuta representing the Egba Kingdom, for and on behalf of their Heirs and Successors, on the other part.

We, the undersigned King and Authorities do, in the presence of the Elders, Headmen, and people assembled at this place hereby promise:—

rst. That there shall be peace and friendship between the subjects of the Queen and Egba subjects, and should any difference or dispute accidentally arise between us and the said subjects of the Queen, it shall be referred to the Governor of Lagos for settlement as may be deemed expedient.

and. That there shall be complete freedom of Trade between the Egba country and Lagos, and in view of the injury to commerce arising from the arbitrary closing of roads, we the said King and Authorities hereby declare that no roads shall in future be closed without the consent and approval of the Governor of Lagos.

and. That we the said King and Authorities pledge ourselves to very means in our power to foster and promote trade with the countries adjoining Egba and with Lagos.

4th. That we the said King and Authorities will as heretofore afford complete protection, and every assistance and encouragement to all Ministers of the Christian Religion.

5th. It is further agreed and stipulated by the said Gilbert Thomas Carter on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of England, that so long as the provisions of this Treaty are strictly kept, no annexation of any portion of the Egba country shall be made by Her Majesty's Government without the consent of the lawful Authorities of the Country, no aggressive action shall be taken against the said Country, and its independence shall be fully recognised.

6th. The said King and Authorities having promised that the practice of offering human sacrifices shall be abolished in the one township where it at present exists, and having explained that British subjects have already freedom to occupy land, build houses, and carry on trade and manufacture in any part of the Egba Country, and like-

wise that there is no possibility of a cession of any portion of the Egba. Country to a Foreign Power without the consent of Her Majesty's Government, it is desired that no special provision be made in regard to these subjects in this Treaty.

Done at Abeokuta this eighteenth day of January, 1893.

| Osokalu         | his<br>×<br>mark.     | KING ALAKE.  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| OSUNDARE ONLADO | his `<br>> X<br>mark. |  |
| SORUNKE JAGUNA  | his<br>X<br>mark.     | Representatives of<br>King Alake and Egba<br>United Kingdom. |
| Ogundeyi Magaji | his<br>×<br>mark.     |  |

G. T. Carter, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Colony of Lagos.

Witnessed at Abeokuta this eighteenth day of January, 1893.

- G. B. HADDON-SMITH, Political Officer.
- R. L. Bower, Captain, Asst. Inspector, Lagos Constabulary.
- J. B. Wood, Missionary of the Church Missionary Society.
- A. L. Hernerserr, Clerk and Interpreter, Governor's Office.
- E. R. BICKERSTETH, Trader.
- W. F. TINNEY SOMOYE, Clerk to the Egba Authorities.

I the undersigned do swear that I have truly and honestly interpreted the terms of the foregoing treaty to the contracting parties in the Yoruba language.

A. L. HETHERSETT.

Witness to the signature,

E. R. BICKERSTETH, Trader.

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