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CAP. LXXXIII.

An Act for carrying into effect a Convention of Accession of the Duke of *Tuscany* to Two Conventions with the King of the *French* for suppressing the Slave Trade.

[10th *August* 1838.]

Convention between Great Britain and France for Suppression of the Slave Trade.

WHEREAS Two Conventions were concluded between His late Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and His Majesty the King of the *French* for rendering more effectual the Means of suppressing the criminal Traffic called the Slave Trade, and signed at *Paris* on the Thirtieth Day of *November* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and on the Twenty-second Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three: And whereas His late Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and His Majesty the King of the *French*, conformably to the Ninth Article of the First of the said Conventions, which states that the other Maritime Powers shall be invited to accede to it, addressed an Invitation to His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of *Tuscany*, and His Imperial and Royal Highness, animated with the same Sentiments and anxious to concur with His Two august Allies in the same humane Object, had without Hesitation assented to their Proposal: And whereas an Act

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passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for carrying into effect Two Conventions with the King of the* French *for suppressing the Slave Trade:* And whereas a Convention was concluded between Her *Britannick* Majesty, His Majesty the King of the *French*, and His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke of *Tuscany*, containing the Accession of His said Imperial Highness to the aforesaid Two Conventions between *Great Britain* and *France* for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade, and was signed at *Florence* on the Twenty-fourth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, containing as follows:

Article I.—His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of *Tuscany* accedes to the Conventions concluded and signed on the Thirtieth of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and on the Twenty-second of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three between His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and His Majesty the King of the *French*, relating to the Suppression of the Slave Trade, as well as to the Annex of the latter Convention, containing Instructions to Cruizers, excepting the Reservations and Modifications expressed in the Second, Third, and Fourth Articles herein-after given, which Articles shall be considered additional to the said Conventions and to the Annex above mentioned; and excepting the Differences which necessarily result from the Situation of His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of *Tuscany* as Party acceding to the Conventions in question after their Conclusion:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and His Majesty the King of the *French* having accepted the said Accession, all the Articles of these Two Conventions, and all the Conditions of the said Annex, shall in consequence be held to have been concluded and signed in the same Manner as the present Convention directly between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, His Majesty the King of the *French*, and His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of *Tuscany:*

The Three High Contracting Parties engage and promise reciprocally to each other to execute faithfully all the Clauses, Conditions, and Obligations of the present Convention, subject always to the Reservations and Modifications therein contained; and, in order to prevent any Uncertainty, it has been agreed that the above-mentioned Conventions, and the Annex of the latter, containing Instructions to Cruizers, should be inserted here Word for Word [which were accordingly inserted Word for Word therein].

Article II.—It is agreed, with reference to the Fifth Article of the Instructions annexed to the Supplementary Convention of the Twenty-second Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, that all Vessels bearing the *Tuscan* Flag, and appearing by their Papers to belong to *Tuscany*, which shall be detained, in execution of the Conventions above transcribed, by the Cruizers of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* or of His Majesty the King

of the *French*, employed on the Stations of *America*, *Africa*, or *Madagascar*, shall be conducted or sent to the Port of *Leghorn*.

Article III.—Whereas the landing at the Port of *Leghorn* of the Slaves who may be found on board Vessels bearing the *Tuscan* Flag, and appearing by their Papers to belong to *Tuscany*, might be attended with great Inconvenience, it is agreed that the Slaves found on board such Vessel detained by a *British* or *French* Cruizer shall be previously landed at the nearest Port or Place, whether *British* or *French*, to which a Slave Vessel under the Flag of One of those Two Nations found and detained under similar Circumstances would, according to the above-mentioned Conventions, be conducted or sent; the *British* Ports of *Bathurst* on the *Gambia*, *Port Royal* in *Jamaica*, the *Cape of Good Hope*, and *Demerara*, as well as the *French* Ports of *Goree*, *Martinique*, *Bourbon*, and *Cayenne*, shall be considered as respectively fixed on for this Purpose for the *British* and *French* cruizing Stations on the Coasts of *Africa*, the *West Indies*, *Madagascar*, and the *Brazils*.

Article IV.—If His Imperial and Royal Highness the Grand Duke of *Tuscany* should not deem it expedient to fit out Cruizers of his own for the Suppression of the Trade, he nevertheless engages to furnish the special Authority or Warrant required by the Fifth Article of the Convention of the Thirtieth of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one to the Commanders of the *British* and *French* Cruizers, as soon as the Names and the Number thereof shall have been notified to him.

Article V.—The present Convention shall be ratified, and the Ratifications thereof shall be exchanged at *Florence*, within the Space of Three Months, or sooner if possible.

And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of the said recited Act of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth should be applied to the said Convention of Accession of the Duke of *Tuscany*, signed at *Florence* on the Twenty-fourth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, for the carrying into execution the said Convention and Articles for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Clauses, Provisions, Powers, and Authorities contained in, and all Penalties and Forfeitures imposed by, the said recited Act of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth shall be applied and put in force for the Purpose of carrying into execution the said Convention, and the several Articles, Stipulations, and Regulations therein respectively contained, except so far as any of such Powers and Authorities are altered by this Act, as fully and effectually as if the same were re-enacted in this Act as to such Convention and all Matters therein respectively contained.

Provisions of the recited Act extended to the Convention of Accession of Tuscany.

II. And be it enacted, That, in pursuance of the said Second Article of the said Convention, all Vessels bearing the *Tuscan* Flag, and

Vessels captured bearing the Flag of

Tuscany to be taken to certain Ports.

and appearing by their Papers to belong to *Tuscany*, which may be detained, in execution of the said Convention of the Years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three respectively, by the Cruizers of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* employed on the Stations of *America*, of *Africa*, or of *Madagascar*, shall be conducted or sent to the Port of *Leghorn*.

Slaves found on board Vessels bearing the Tuscan Flag to be taken to certain Ports.

III. And be it enacted, That, in pursuance of the said Third Article of the said Convention, all Slaves who are found on board Vessels bearing the *Tuscan* Flag, and appearing by their Papers to belong to *Tuscany*, and detained by a *British* Cruizer, shall be landed at the nearest *British* Port or Place to which a Slave Vessel under the Flag of *Great Britain* or *France* found and detained under similar Circumstances would according to the above-mentioned Convention be conducted or sent; *videlicet*, either to the *Cape of Good Hope*, or to the *British* Port of *Bathurst* on the *Gambia*, or to *Port Royal* in *Jamaica*, or to *Demerara*.

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