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CAP. LXXXIV.

An Act for carrying into effect a Convention of Accession of the King of the *Two Sicilies* 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 for the Suppression of the Slave Trade 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*, and signed at *Paris* on the Thirtieth Day of *November* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and the Twenty-second Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three: And whereas by the Ninth Article of the First of the said Conventions the High Contracting Parties thereto agreed to invite the other Maritime Powers to accede thereunto: And whereas an Act 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 the King of the *Two Sicilies*, containing the Accession of His said Majesty the King of the *Two Sicilies* to the aforesaid Two Conventions between *Great Britain* and *France* for the more effectual Suppression of the Slave Trade: And whereas the said Convention

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was signed at *Naples* on the Fourteenth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and contained as follows:

Article I.—His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the *Two Sicilies* 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 late 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 the Instructions for the 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 Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the *Two Sicilies* as a 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 Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the *Two Sicilies*: Their said Majesties 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 Convention, as well as the Annex of the latter Convention, containing Instructions to Cruizers, shall be inserted here Word for Word as follows: [Here were copied and entered the Conventions of *November* Thirtieth One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one and *March* Twenty-second One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, and the Annex containing Instructions to Cruizers were inserted Word for Word as required by the said last Article.]

Article II.—It is agreed, with reference to Article III. of the Convention of the Thirtieth *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, herein-above transcribed, that His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the *Two Sicilies* shall fix, according to his Convenience, the Number of Cruizers of the *Two Sicilies* which shall be employed on the Service mentioned in the said Article, and the Station on which they shall cruize.

Article III.—The Government of His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the *Two Sicilies* shall make known to the Governments of *Great Britain* and of *France*, conformably to Article IV. of the Convention of the Thirtieth *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the Ships of War of the *Two Sicilies* which are to be employed in the Suppression

of the Trade, in order that the necessary Warrants for their Commanders may be delivered; the Warrants which are to be delivered by the Government of the *Two Sicilies* shall be issued after Notification of the Number of *British* and *French* Cruizers intended to be employed shall have been made to it; but if the Government of His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of the *Two Sicilies* shall not find it convenient to commission Cruizers under the Flag of the *Two Sicilies* for the Suppression of the Slave Trade, it engages nevertheless to furnish Warrants to the Commanders of the *British* and *French* Cruizers to be employed on this Service, as soon as the Names and Destination of such Cruizers are officially notified to it, as above stipulated.

Article IV.—It is agreed, with reference to the Fifth Paragraph of the Instructions annexed to the Supplementary Convention of *March* the Twenty-second One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, that all Vessels of the *Two Sicilies*, or Vessels bearing the *Sicilian* Flag, and appearing by their Papers to belong to the *Two Sicilies*, 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*, and *Madagascar*, shall be conducted or sent to the Port of *Naples*.

Article V.—Whereas the landing at the Port of *Naples* of the Slaves who may be found on board Vessels bearing the Flag of the *Two Sicilies*, and appearing by their Papers to belong to the *Two Sicilies*, might be attended with great Inconvenience, it is agreed that the Slaves found on board such Vessels 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* Stations on the Coast of *Africa*, the *West Indies*, *Madagascar*, and the *Brazils*.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the Ratifications thereof shall be exchanged at *Naples*, at the Expiration 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 King of the *Two Sicilies* signed at *Naples* on the Fourteenth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, 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,

The Provisions of the recited Act extended to the Convention of Accession of the King of the Two Sicilies.

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 as to all Matters therein respectively contained.

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

II. And be it enacted, That, in pursuance of the said Fourth Article of the Convention, all Vessels bearing the *Sicilian* Flag, and appearing by their Papers to belong to the *Two Sicilies*, which may be detained, in execution of the said Conventions 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 *Naples*.

Vessels bearing the Sicilian Flag to be taken to certain Ports.

III. And be it enacted, That, in pursuance of the said Fifth Article of the said Convention, Slaves who are found on board Vessels bearing the Flag of the *Two Sicilies*, and which appear by their Papers to belong to the *Two Sicilies*, and which may be detained by a *British* Cruizer, shall be landed as soon as possible at the nearest *British* Port or Place to which a Slave Vessel under the Flag of *Great Britain* or of *France* found and detained under similar Circumstances would according to the above-mentioned Conventions 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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