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TONGALAND AND THE NEIGHBOURING
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No. 1.

Sir H. MacDonell to Senhor de Soveral.

M. le Ministre,

Lisbon, September 24, 1895.

DURING the course of the recent discussions with regard to the declaration of a British Protectorate over Tongaland, it was agreed that the adoption of the new frontier between the British and Portuguese possessions in that neighbourhood should be recorded by an exchange of notes.

In consequence, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that Her Majesty's Government agree that the line described in Article III of the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty of the 11th June, 1891, shall be the frontier between the territories of the two Powers, that is to say: Her Majesty's Government recognize as belonging to Portugal territory as far south as a line following the parallel of the confluence of the River Pongolo with the River Maputo to the sea coast.

It is agreed that the above line of demarcation shall be subject to rectification by agreement between the two Powers in accordance with local requirements.

I shall be glad if your Excellency will be so good as to inform me whether the Portuguese Government are, on their part, disposed to give their adhesion to the line in question, and to agree to the date of the 15th October next for addressing a simultaneous notification to the Parties to the Act of Berlin to the effect that the new frontier has been definitely accepted by the two Powers.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) H. G. MACDONELL.

No. 2.

Senhor de Soveral to Sir H. MacDonell.

(Translation.)

Your Excellency,

*Foreign Department,**Lisbon, October 5, 1895.*

As it was agreed between your Excellency and my predecessor that the adoption of the new frontier between the Portuguese and British possessions in Amatongaland should be recorded by an exchange of notes, I have the honour to inform your Excellency, in reply to your note of the 24th September, that His Majesty's Government agree that the line described in Article III of the Luso-British Treaty of the 11th June, 1891, shall be the frontier between the territories of the two Powers, that is to say: Her Britannic Majesty's Government recognize as belonging to Portugal the territory as far south as a line following the parallel of the confluence of the Rivers Maputo and Pungolo to the sea.

It is understood that the above-mentioned line of demarcation shall be subject to rectification by agreement between the two Powers in accordance with local requirements.

I have further to inform your Excellency that His Majesty's Government are, on their part, willing to give their adhesion to the aforesaid line, and to assent to the fixing of the 15th October as the date of the simultaneous notification to the Signatory Powers of the Act of Berlin as regards the definitive acceptance of the new frontier by the two Powers.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) LUIZ DE SOVERAL.