

Article XII. ran as follows :— (1)

“ His Majesty consents that it shall and may be lawful, during the time hereinafter limited, for the citizens of the United States to convey to any of His Majesty’s islands and ports in the West Indies from the United States ; in their own vessels, not being above the burden of seventy tons, any goods or merchandise, being of the growth, manufacture or produce of the said States, which it is or may be lawful to carry to the said islands or ports from the said States in British vessels ; and that the said American vessels shall be subject there to no other or higher tonnage duties or charges than shall be payable by British vessels in the ports of the United States, and that the cargoes of the said American vessels shall be subject there to no other or higher duties or charges than shall be payable on the article if imported there from the said States in British vessels.

“ And His Majesty also consents that it shall be lawful for the said American citizens to purchase, load and carry away in their said vessels to the United States, from the said islands and ports, all such articles being the growth, manufacture or produce of the said islands, as may now by law be carried from thence to the said States in British vessels, and subject only to the same duties and charges on exportation to which British vessels and their cargoes are or shall be subject in similar circumstances.

“ Provided always that the said American vessels do carry and land their cargoes in the United States only, it being expressly agreed and declared that, during the continuance of this article, the United States will prohibit and restrain the carrying of any molasses, sugar, coffee, cocoa or cotton in American vessels, either from His Majesty’s islands or from the United States to any part of the world except the United States, reasonable sea stores excepted. Provided also that it shall and may be lawful, during the same period, for British vessels to import from the said islands into the United States, and to export from the United States to the said islands, all articles whatever, being of the growth, produce or manufacture of the said islands or of the United States respectively, which now may by the laws of the said States be so imported or exported. And the cargoes of the said British vessels shall be subject to no other or higher duties or charges than shall be payable on the said articles if so imported or exported in American vessels.

“ It is agreed that this article, and every matter and thing contained therein, shall continue to be in force during the continuance of the war in which His Majesty is now engaged ; and also for two years from and after the date of the signature of the preliminary or other articles of peace, by which the same may be terminated.”

“ And it is further agreed that at the expiration of the said term the two contracting parties will endeavour further to regulate their commerce in this respect, according to the situation in which His Majesty may then find himself with respect to the West Indies, and with a view to such arrange-

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(1.) This article was suspended by the following additional article, being an amendment by the United States Senate by its resolution advising ratification, and accepted by Great Britain :—

“ It is further agreed between the said contracting parties that the operation of so much of the 12th article of the said treaty as respects the trade which his said Majesty thereby consents may be carried on between the United States and his islands in the West Indies, in the manner and on the terms and conditions therein specified, shall be suspended.