

# ENGLISH TEXTS

*AGREEMENT between Great Britain and the Ameer of Afghanistan, respecting arrangements with Russia for the Transfer of Territories north and south of the Oxus.— Signed at Cabul, November 12, 1893.*

WHEREAS the British Government has represented to His Highness the Ameer that the Russian Government presses for the literal fulfilment of the Agreement of 1873 between Russia and England by which it was decided that the River Oxus should form the northern boundary of Afghanistan from Lake Victoria (Wood's Lake) or Sarikul on the east to the junction of the Kokcha with the Oxus; and whereas the British Government considers itself bound to abide by the terms of this Agreement, if the Russian Government equally abides by them, His Highness Ameer Abdur Rahman Khan, G.C.S.I., Ameer of Afghanistan and its depen-

dencies, wishing to show his friendship to the British Government and his readiness to accept their advice in matters affecting his relations with foreign Powers, hereby agrees that he will evacuate all the districts held by him to the north of this portion of the Oxus on the clear understanding that all the districts lying to the south of this portion of the Oxus, and not now in his possession, be handed over to him in exchange. And Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, hereby declares on the part of the British Government that the transfer to His Highness the Ameer of the said districts lying to the south of the Oxus is an essential part of this transaction, and undertakes that arrangements will be made with the Russian Government to carry out the transfer of the said lands to the north and south of the Oxus.

Cabul, November 12, 1893.

H. M. DURAND.

November 12, 1893 (2nd Jamadi-ul-awal, 1311).

AMEER ABDUR RAHMAN KHAN.

*AGREEMENT between Great Britain and the Ameer of Afghanistan, respecting the Frontier between India and Afghanistan.\*—Signed at Cabul, November 12, 1893.*

WHEREAS certain questions have arisen regarding the frontier of Afghanistan on the side of India, and whereas both His Highness the Ameer and the Government of India are desirous of settling these questions by a friendly understanding, and of fixing the limits of their respective spheres of influence, so that for the future there may be no difference of opinion on the subject between the allied Governments, it is hereby agreed as follows:—

ART. I. The eastern and southern frontier of His Highness' dominions, from Wakhan to the Persian border, shall follow the line shown in the map attached to this Agreement.

II. The Government of India will at no time exercise interference in the territories lying beyond this line on the side of Afghanistan and His Highness the Ameer will at no time exercise interference in the territories lying beyond this line on the side of India.

III. The British Government thus agrees to His Highness the

\* This and other Agreements on the same subject have been confirmed by the Treaty of the 21st March, 1906, which will be given in a subsequent volume