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No. 1.

Sir F. Plunkett to M. de Favereau.

THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Brussels, duly authorized thereto by Her Britannic Majesty's Government, has the honour to inform his Excellency M. de Favereau, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium, that the Government of Ceylon being anxious to be included in the *modus vivendi* established between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Kingdom of Belgium by the notes exchanged between M. de Favereau and the Undersigned on the 27th July, 1898, undertakes to adhere to the conditions therein specified as soon as the Government of Belgium gives a corresponding engagement on its part.

The Undersigned avails, &c.

(Signed)

F. R. PLUNKETT.

*British Legation, Brussels,
 January 5, 1899.*

No. 2.

M. de Favereau to Sir F. Plunkett.

LE Soussigné, Ministre des Affaires Étrangères du Royaume de Belgique, a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance de son Excellence Sir Francis Plunkett, Envoyé Extraordinaire et Ministre Plénipotentiaire du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, comme suite à sa notification de ce jour, que, en attendant la signature d'un Traité définitif, le Gouvernement du Roi s'engage, sous condition de réciprocité, à étendre aux sujets et aux produits de Ceylon le *modus vivendi* établi le 27 Juillet, 1898, entre la Belgique et le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande, sous les conditions et réserves stipulées dans le dit Arrangement.

Le Soussigné saisit, &c.

(Signé)

P. DE FAVEREAU.

Bruxelles, le 5 Janvier, 1899.

(Translation.)

THE Undersigned, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium, has the honour to inform his Excellency Sir Francis Plunkett, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in reply to his communication of to-day's date, that, pending the signature of a definitive Treaty, the Government of the King undertakes, on condition of reciprocity, to extend to the subjects and products of Ceylon, the *modus vivendi* established on the 27th July, 1898, between Belgium and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, under the conditions and reservations stipulated in the said Arrangement.

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