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PROTOCOL BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
JAPAN RESPECTING PATENTS, TRADE-  
MARKS, AND DESIGNS.

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WHEREAS, by Treaty, Her Britannic Majesty has jurisdiction in relation to her subjects within the dominions of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan;

Whereas, by Article XVII of a Treaty signed between Great Britain and Japan on the 16th July, 1894, it is stipulated as follows: "The subjects of each of the High Contracting Parties shall enjoy in the dominions and the possessions of the other the same protection as native subjects in regard to patents, trade-marks, and designs, upon fulfilment of the formalities prescribed by law;"

Whereas, by Article XX of the same Treaty, it is agreed that, from the date on which such Treaty comes into force, the jurisdiction then exercised by British Courts in Japan shall cease, and that such jurisdiction shall be assumed and exercised by Japanese Courts;

And whereas it has been agreed between the Governments of Great Britain and Japan that the provisions of the above-mentioned Article XVII shall come into force at once;

The Undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose by their respective Governments, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

Her Britannic Majesty consents to renounce all extra-territorial jurisdiction at present exercisable by British Courts in Japan for the judicial hearing and determination of matters in difference between British subjects and subjects of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, or for the repression of crimes or offences committed by British subjects, in so far as it applies to the protection of patents, trade-marks, and designs.

## ARTICLE II.

The foregoing Article shall not take effect until all other Powers which enjoy similar benefits to those conferred by Article XVII of the Treaty between Great Britain and Japan of the 16th July, 1894, and which possess extra-territorial jurisdiction in Japan, shall similarly have renounced their right to exercise such jurisdiction between their own subjects or citizens respectively, and subjects of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, as well as for the repression of crimes or offences committed by their own subjects or citizens respectively, in so far as it applies to the protection of patents, trade-marks, and designs.

In witness whereof the Undersigned have signed the above Protocol, and have affixed thereto the seal of their arms.

Done at London, the 20th day of October, 1897.

(L.S.) SALISBURY.  
(L.S.) KATO.

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