

[French *Zaimta* at Obock.]

communicate to the French authorities established at Obock, every proposal for a cession of territory which may be made to them by a Foreign Government. They engage, conjointly and separately, to reject every overture made to them which has not received the assent of the Government of His Majesty the Emperor of the French.

Done at Paris, on the 11th March, of the year of Grace, 1862.

(L.S.) THOUVENEL.

Marks and Seals of

DINY-BEN-SULTAN-MOHAMMED.
 HUMEED, son of the late
 Sultan Mohammed.
 The Vizir MOHAMMED, son of
 Sultan Humeed.
 The Emir El HADJ ABOUBEKR.
 IBRAHIM CHAHIM.

*Goubout-Kharab (Gubbed Kharab).**

ADDITIONAL ARTICLE.—In the event of the harbour, roadstead, and anchorage of Obock being acknowledged to be unfit to contain a ship of great tonnage, Diny-Ahmed engages, in the name of Cheikh Aly-Ibrahim Aboubekr-Chahim, and of the Chiefs mentioned in the Treaty, to cede, at the price stipulated in Article III, the harbour roadstead, and anchorage of Goubout-Kharab, or any other, with the territory belonging to it, and under all the conditions inserted in the present Treaty.

Done at Paris, 11th March, 1862.

(L.S.) THOUVENEL.

(L.S.) DINY-BEN-SULTAN-MOHAMMED.

No. 182.—FRENCH NOTICE respecting limit of French Possessions

at Obock.† 25th December, 1880.

(Translation.)

As demands for concessions of territory at Obock (on the Red Sea (*sic*)) are frequently received by the Department for Marine and Colonies, we think it useful to make known to the public the nature of the replies which are invariably returned to applications of this kind:

The Treaty of 11th March, 1862 (No. 181), enacting the cession of this point to France, contains no indication of the limits of our possession, † and we have, moreover, done nothing up to the present time to secure our Sovereignty over this country.

It would, therefore, be impossible to indicate the land capable of being ceded, and still less to delimitate it. Under these circumstances,

* See also Act signed by Sultan of Tadjurah, 18th October, 1884, p. 632.

† "Journal Officiel," 25th December, 1880.

‡ At the time this Notice was issued, the Treaty of 11th March, 1862, had not been published by De Clercq. See Tome xiv (1880), p. 613.

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