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The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents
his compliments to the Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies and, by direction of the Secretary
of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned
paper.

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Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of the Agreement which I have this day signed together with the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, regarding the prolongation for one year dating from January 13, 1915, of the period of ten years, fixed by Article IV of the Agreement between Great Britain and Italy of January 13, 1905, during which the Italian Government undertook to carry out certain works in the neighbourhood of Khisimays (Jubaland) conditionally to securing a prolongation of the lease of a certain area of land conceded to them.

I have the honour to be

with the highest respect,

Sir,

your most obedient,

Humble servant

KENNELL RODD

Right Honble.

Sir R. Grey, Bart., K.G., M.P.,

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Agreement between Italy and Great Britain for the Pro-rogation for One Year of the period fixed by Article 4 of the Italo-Britannic Agreement of January 13, 1905, relative to the Territory leased by the British Government to the Italian Government.

Accordo tra l'Italia e la Gran Bretagna per la Prorogazione di un Anno al periodo di tempo fissato all'articolo 4 dell'Accordo Italo-Britannico del 13 gennaio, 1905, relativo al Territorio concesso in lease al Governo Italiano dal Governo Britannico.

WHEREAS Article 4 of the Italo-Britannic Agreement of the 13th January, 1905, providing for the lease to the Italian Government of a piece of land in the neighbourhood of Khismayu and for the concession of a right of way between the locality held in lease and a point situated in Italian territory near the mouth of the Juba, lays down that "the lease shall be in force for thirty-three years from this date (13th January, 1905), but if the Italian Government shall show to the satisfaction of His Britannic Majesty's Government that the amount spent within ten years from this date on the erection of the pier and buildings exceeds 10,000, then the lease shall be in force for sixty-six years, or, if the amount so shown to be spent exceeds 10,000, then the lease shall be in force for ninety-nine years."

CONSIDERATO che l'articolo 4 dell'Accordo Italo-Britannico del 13 gennaio 1905, per l'affitto al Governo Italiano di terreni in vicinanza di Khismayo e per la concessione del diritto di passaggio fra la località affittata ad un punto del territorio italiano presso la foce del Giuba, stabilisce che "l'affitto rimarrà in vigore per anni trentatré dalla presente data (13 gennaio 1905), ma se il Governo Italiano dimostrerà in maniera soddisfacente pel Governo Britannico che le spese sostenute durante il primo decennio da questa data (13 gennaio 1905) per la costruzione dello sbarcatoio e fabbricati avranno ecceduto cinquemila lire sterline, l'affitto rimarrà allora in forza per sessantasei anni, oppure per novantanove anni qualora la somma così spesa avesse ecceduto lire sterline diecimila."

Seeing that various difficulties which have lately arisen, especially with regard to the transport of material by sea, have prevented the Italian Government from completing the works they had projected and already begun:

Considerato che difficoltà d'ordine generale, sorte negli ultimi tempi, specialmente nei trasporti marittimi dei materiali, hanno impedito al Governo Italiano di condurre a termine i lavori progettati e già iniziati.

His Excellency the Baron

Sua Eccellenza il Barone Sidney

Sidney Sonnino, Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the name of all of the Italian Government, and Sir James Rennell Rodd, Ambassador of His Majesty, in the name of and on behalf of the British Government, have agreed as follows —

Sonnino, Ministro degli Affari Esteri, in nome e per conto del Governo Italiano, e Sir James Rennell Rodd, Ambasciatore di Sua Maestà Britannica, in nome e per conto del Governo Britannico, concordano quanto segue —

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The Italian Government requests that the British Government accept the prolongation of the period of ten years established by Article 4 of the above-mentioned Italo-Britannic Agreement of the 13th January, 1905 for one year, dating from the 13th January, 1915, for all the effects and purposes of the same Article.

Il Governo Italiano chiede al Governo Britannico consenta che il periodo di un decennio fissato all'Articolo 4 del predetto Accordo Italo-Britannico 13 gennaio, 1905 sia prorogato di un anno a partire dal 13 gennaio, 1915 a tutti gli effetti e fini dell'Articolo medesimo.

In faith of which the undersigned have affixed their seals to the present Agreement.

In fede di che i sottoscritti hanno munito il presente Accordo del loro sigillo.

Done in duplicate, at Rome, the 23rd March, 1915.

Fatto in duplice esemplare a Roma, il 23 marzo, 1915.

(I.S.) RENNELL RODD,
(I.S.) SIDNEY SONNINO.