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FOREIGN OFFICE,

June 25 1897.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 11th instant respecting the Treaty of Extradition between Great Britain and the Netherlands.

Her Majesty's Government learn with satisfaction that the Netherland Government accept Articles XVI and XVII in the form proposed, which they are satisfied will meet all the reasonable requirements of both Countries.

With regard to the expression "Fugitive Criminals" I have the honour to observe that, with one exception, it is employed in every Treaty of Extradition between Great Britain and Foreign Countries including that with the Netherlands of 1874 and that it is also the language of the Extradition Act of 1870 which empowers Her Majesty's Government to conclude Treaties

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of this character. They would therefore prefer that this phraseology should remain unchanged.

I am advised that the alternative Dutch text suggested in your note for the offences numbered 3 and 4 in Article II, is the more correct rendering of the English text of those offences, and it has accordingly been adopted.

The changes in regard to capital letters, to which you allude, will also be effected and printed copies, in both texts, will be furnished to you as soon as possible.

As soon as the concurrence of the Law Officers of the Crown shall have been obtained, I shall have the honour of proposing a date to you for the signature of the Treaty.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Salisbury