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FOREIGN OFFICE,

June 21 1898.

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Sir:-

Her Majesty's Government have not failed to give their best consideration to your note of the 18th ultimo respecting the proposed new Treaty of Extradition between this country and the Netherlands.

You observe that the Netherland Government is not at present in a position to accept the provisions, contemplated by Her Majesty's Government, with regard to the criminal use of Explosives, as the acts in question are not mentioned in the criminal Legislation of the Netherlands.

You state, however, that your Government are ready to examine the question attentively with a view to ascertain whether such offences can be inserted in the code, and that if hereafter the general Extradition law of the Netherlands should be modified so as to include them, they would be willing to

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conclude a Supplementary Convention relating to the use of Explosives; and you add that for the present it seems to them undesirable to delay the Signature of the new Treaty.

In these circumstances I have the honour to inform you that I shall be prepared to sign the Treaty in the form in which it has already been approved by the Netherland Government, subject only to the trifling verbal alterations which will be found marked in red ink in the draft inclosed herewith, and which will involve certain corresponding changes in the Dutch text. I desire, however, to express a strong hope that the further provisions in question may continue to engage the attention of the Netherland Government since Her Majesty's Government attach considerable importance to the conclusion of a formal Convention for attaining the object in view.

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

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Salisbury