

The Treaty of Bardo

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Text of the treaty

Article First. - The trade and friendship, peace treaties and all other conventions currently existing between the French Republic and Its Highness the Bey of Tunis are expressly confirmed and renewed.

Article 2. - In order to facilitate with the Government of the French Republic the achievement of measurements which it must take to achieve the goal that all the contracting parties propose, Its Highness the Bey of Tunis grants so that the French military authority makes occupy the points that she will consider it necessary to ensure the re-establishment of the order and the safety of the border and the littoral. This occupation will cease when the military authorities Frenchwoman and Tunisian recognize, by mutual agreement, that the local government is in a position to guarantee the maintenance of law and order.

Article 3. - The Government of the French Republic undertakes to lend to a constant support to Its Highness the Bey of Tunis against any danger which would threaten the person or the dynasty of her Highness, or which would compromise the peace of its States.

Article 4. - The Government of the French Republic goes parking execution of the treaties currently existing between the Government of Regency and the various European Powers.

Article 5. - The Government of the French Republic will be represented near Its Highness the Bey of Tunis by a minister resident, who will take care of the execution of this act and which will be the intermediary of the relationships of the French government with the Tunisian authorities for all the businesses common to both countries.

Article 6. - The diplomatic agents and consular of France in foreign countries will be in charge of the protection of the Tunisian interests and the nationals of Regency. In return, Its Highness the Bey commits herself not concluding any act having an international character without to have made known of it to the Government of the French Republic and without being itself heard beforehand with him.

Article 7. - The Government of the French Republic and the Government of Its Highness the Bey of Tunis are reserved to fix by mutual agreement the bases of a financial organization of the Regency which is likely to ensure the public debt servicing and to guarantee the creditors of Tunisia.

Article 8. - A contribution of war will be imposed on the unsubdued tribes of the border and the littoral. A later convention will determine of it the figure and the mode of covering whose Government of Its Highness the Bey goes responsible.

Article 9. - In order to protect from smuggling from the weapons and the ammunition from war the Algerian possessions from the French Republic, the Government of Its Highness the Bey of Tunis is committed prohibiting any introduction of weapons or ammunition of war by the island of Jerba, the port of Gabès or the other ports of the South of Tunisia.

Article 10. – This treaty will be subjected to the ratification of the Government of the French Republic and the instrument of ratification will be submitted to His Highness the Bey Of Tunis with the most brief delay possible.