

to be British subjects, shall not be considered as such by the British Consul, nor be entitled to his protection

Article IV.

British subjects are permitted to trade freely in all the sea-ports of Siam, but may reside permanently only at Bangkok or within the limits assigned by this Treaty. British subjects coming to reside at Bangkok may rent land and buy or build houses, but cannot purchase lands within a circuit of Two Hundred Seng (not more than four miles English) from the City-walls, until they shall have lived in Siam for ten years, or shall obtain special authority from the Siamese Government to enable them to do so. But with the exception of this limitation British residents in Siam may at any time buy or rent houses, lands, or plantations situated anywhere within a distance of twenty-four hours journey from the City of Bangkok, to be computed by the rate at which boats of the country can travel. In order to obtain possession of such lands or houses it will be necessary that the British subject shall in the first place make application through the Consul to the proper Siamese Officer, and the Siamese Officer and the Consul having

having satisfied themselves of the honest intentions of the + applicant, will assist him in settling upon equitable terms the amount of the purchase money, will mark out and fix the boundaries of the property, and will convey the same to the British purchaser under sealed Deeds. Whereupon he and his property shall be placed under the protection of the Governor of the District, and that of the particular Local Authorities, he shall conform in ordinary matters to any just directions given him by them, and will be subject to the same taxation that is levied on Siamese subjects. But, if through negligence, or the want of capital, or other cause, a British subject should fail to commence the cultivation or improvement of the lands so acquired within a term of three years from the date of receiving possession thereof, the Siamese Government shall have the power of resuming the property, upon returning to the British subject the purchase-money paid by him for the same.

Article V.

All British subjects intending to reside in Siam shall be registered at the British Consulate. They shall not go out to sea, nor proceed beyond the limits assigned by
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this Treaty for the residence of British subjects, without a passport from the Siamese Authorities to be applied for by the British Consul, nor shall they leave Siam if the Siamese Authorities shew to the British Consul that legitimate objections exist to their quitting the country. But within the limits appointed under the preceding Article, British subjects are at liberty to travel to and fro under the protection of a Pass to be furnished them by the British Consul, and countersealed by the proper Siamese Officer, stating, in the Siamese character, their names, Calling, and description. The Siamese Officers at the Government stations in the interior may at any time call for the production of this Pass, and immediately on its being exhibited they must allow the parties to proceed; but it will be their duty to detain those persons, who, by travelling without a Pass from the Consul, render themselves liable to the suspicion of their being deserters, and such detention shall be immediately reported to the Consul.

Article VI.

All British subjects visiting, or residing in Siam shall be allowed the free exercise of the Christian religion, and
liberty