

**No. 625.**—*DECISION of Servo-Bulgarian Commissioners, as to the exchange of the Bregovo and Balei Lands, (1<sup>st</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1888); and Ratification of the same by the Servian and Bulgarian Governments. Sofia, 19<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1888.*

## TABLE.

1. Cession by *Servia* to *Bulgaria* of *Bregovo* Meadow.
2. Cession by *Bulgaria* to *Servia* of *Balei* Meadow.
3. River *Timok* recognized as forming Political Frontier between *Bulgaria* and *Servia*.
4. Indemnification of Proprietors of Lands.
5. Approval of *Servian* and *Bulgarian* Governments to be signified.

## (Translation.)

THE Servo-Bulgarian Commission charged with the arrangement of the conditions of the exchange of the lands of Bregovo and Balei between Bulgaria and Servia having drawn up and signed at Négotine on the 1<sup>st</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1888, the Act the tenor of which is as follows :—

“Whereas the Servo-Bulgarian Commission, at its sitting of the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1886 (**No. 620**), decided that the meadow of Bregovo in dispute, which is actually situated on the right bank of the Timok, is the property and forms part of the Kingdom of Servia; and whereas in the sitting of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 1888, it also decided that the meadow of Balei in dispute, which is actually situated on the left bank of the Timok, is the property and forms part of the Principality of Bulgaria, the Servian and Bulgarian Commissioners have agreed upon the exchange of those lands, as follows :—

“I. The Kingdom of Servia cedes to the Principality of Bulgaria the meadow of Bregovo, situated on the right bank of the Timok.

“II. In exchange, the Principality of Bulgaria cedes to the Kingdom of Servia the meadow of Balei situated on the left bank of the Timok.

“III. The actual course of the Timok, near Bregovo and Balei, is the political frontier between the Kingdom of Servia and the Principality of Bulgaria.

“IV. The Royal Government of Servia engages to indemnify

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all those proprietors who possess lands situated near the meadow of Bregovo.

“The Princely Government of Bulgaria undertakes the same engagement as regards the proprietors of lands near the meadow of Balei.

“Consequently those lands become exclusively the property of the States to which they have respectively been ceded, without the existence of any private rights of proprietorship whatsoever, and without interference of third parties in those lands.

“V. This understanding becomes obligatory upon the approval of the Royal Government of Servia, and of the Princely Government of Bulgaria.”

The Undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, confirm this Act, and declare their acceptance of it in the name of their respective Governments; the present Act must nevertheless be ratified by the National Assemblies of Bulgaria and Servia.\*

In faith of which the Undersigned have signed the present Act and have sealed it with the seal of their Chancelleries.

Done in duplicate at Sofia, the 19th (31st) day of December, 1888.

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\* The Ratifications were exchanged at Sofia on the 4th January, 1889.