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TO SULTAN OF SULU

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AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH THE MOROS.

Pescription of the Remarkable People of the Sulu Archipelego, Who Display the American Flag. How the Sultan Went to Jolo.

From a letter by John T. McCutcheon,

General Bates, accompanied by Captain Smiley and Lieutenant Reeve of his staff, returned to Mania, Aug. 34, ifter completing an eminently successful mission with the sultan of Sulu. who has signed an agreement with the nited States which will probably be

In the southern part of the Philipone islands there is a chair of small slands extending from Mindanae to the coast of Borneo. These islands form the Jole or Sulu archipelage, and are under the sultan of Sulu. They are inhabited by an odd lot of people in whose veins flow a mixture of Ma-lay and Arabian blood. These people also inhabit a good portion of the mysterious island of Atladanae. They are Molummedians in religion and were called "Moros" by the Spaniards. Their soil is the most generous of all the Philippines and their climate is the best. The Moros are warding and spend much of their lives at and and very recently were as graceless a lot of pirates as said be imagined, when, kels in hand, they not only boarded every me chantman that ventured into their perture, but raisled the court of every island in the Philippines.

ARABIAN BLOOD RULES THE

ISLANDS. The Araba introduced Mohammedanism about 22 years ago, and there is today in the local aristo racy a strong Arabian strain and nearly all have Arabian names. The bighest political and religious office is that occome the dates, of which there are many; some are quite powerful and Independent of the suitan.

The local steamer requires only sixty hours to go from Manila to Jole, but the centrant of the people is so great that it seems as it centuries of time and hundreds of leagues reparated the Christian Tagalog from his Moslem local color, while it takes pastels of brightest hue to sketch the humblest Moro, "he men wear trousers of the tighest patiern ever conceived, while those worn by the women are very loose; the men also wear a small jack-et, gayly embroidered, while the women fancy a close-fitting bodice. The males wear a small, neat turban, and the woman have a large garment, circular in shape, which not only protects the head, but reaches to the ground. At dimes both sexes wear a curious little peaked hat of hamboo or stag shall be free, unlimited and undustraw. All of these articles are made thable. green, sometimes pure color, sometimes with a figure. All males over 15 governor general of the Philippine islands in making complaint against the companies theory in [fe]. Sometimes the in bright colors-red, blue, yellow and women are armed. Dressed as they gre today, a dozen Mores could walk

costume among those startling

cknowledged the sovereignty of Spain and have frequently matched the kris against the rifles of the Spaniards.

by the sultan in signing the agreement presented by General Bates, and the general wisely improved the opsortunity by making the acquaintance of the leading dates and establishing the friedliest relations with them. To

at the disposal of the natives as an object lesson. Such was the progress made by General Bates with the datos that if the sultan had concluded to disagree with the United States his usual market value. majesty would have found but few dates who would follow him.

At last, after a delay of five weeks, the sultan consented to sign the papers presented by the general, doubtless after he had received some sound advice from his advisers and from his mother, the sultana. The agreement is as follows:

AGREEMENT WITH HIS RIGHNESS. Agreement between Brigadier General Agreement between brigates General John C. Befes, representing the United States of the one part, and his high ness, the sultan of Sula, the Date Raiah and the Date Jeakanain, of the other part: it being understood that this agreement will be in full force only

when approved by the governor-general of the Philippine islands and confirmed by the president of the United States, and will be subjected to future medificaons by the mutual consent of the par-Arthele L.-The sovereignt; of the Uni-

ed States over the whole archipelage of him and his dependencies is declared and

its dependencies on land and sea.

Article 3.—The rights and dignities of his biganess, the sultan, and his dates shall be fully respected; the Moras shall not be interfered with an account of their religious customs shall be especial, and no one shall be persecuted on account of his religion. OCCUPATION AND PURCHASE OF

Article L-Wille the United States may ecupy and control such points in the rehipelago of Sulu as public interests com to demand, encroachment will not be made upon the lands immediately bout the residence of his highway, the olian, unless military necessity requires uch recopition in ease of war with a oreign power; and where the property of individuals is taken due compensation

will be made in each case,

Any person can parchase land in the archipelago of Sulu and hold the same by obtaining the echient of the sultan and coming to a satisfactory agreement with the owner of the land; and such purchase shall immediately be regimered in the superor effect of the United States. n the proper office of the United States

government.

Article L-All trade in domestic products of the archipelage of Sufu when carried on by the sultan and his people with any part of the Philippine Islands

mayal commander

INTRODUCTION OF FIREARMS.

and the sutum and his dates agree to heartily co-operate with the United States authorities to that end, and to These people have practically never make every possible effort to arrest and bring to justice all persons engaged in

are committed by Moros against Moros the government of the sultan will bring to trial and punishment the criminals There was the usual oriental delay and offenders, who will be delivered to the government of the sultan by the United States authorities if in their possendon. In all other cases persons charged with crimes or offenses will b. accomplish this the general cruised delivered to the United States authorities among the various islands on the Charleston, which ship in itself was THE PURCHASE OF PREEDOM BY

THE PURCHASE OF PREEDOM BY SLAVES.

Action 10.-Any slave in the archipelago of Subs shall have the right to purchase freedom by paying to the master the

Article 12.—At present Americans or foreigners wishing to go into the country should state their wishes to the Moro authorities and ask for an escert, but it s hoped that this will become unneces ary as we know each other better. Article 12.—The United States will give ull protection to the suitan and his tects in case any foreign nation should attempt to impose upon them.

Article 14.—The l'uited States will not seil the beland of Sulu are my other island of the Sulu archinelage to any foreign matter without the consent of the

SALARIES TO SULU SULTAN AND Article 15.-The United States govern-ment will pay the following mentity

sultan of Sula.

o Inta Calbe

Article 2.—The United States flag will To Hadib Mura untel in the archipelago of Sulu and States (Spend to States) To Sorif Seguin 15
Signed in triplicate, in English and
Sula, at Jolo, this 24th day of August, A

D. 18th Gath Arakutt Akil 1917). The Suitan Sulu. Dato Rajah Muda. Data Attik.

Signed, J. C. Bates, Brig. clen. U. S. V. THE SYSTEM OF SLAVERY.

"he sultan desired very much to fly his own flag-a sangelnary standard with a red ground, upon which are in-dicated a knife and a spear. The most precious thing in the world to a Moro is a firearm, but, fortunately, they posthese Islands is a misnbmer. The socalled slaves of Sulu usually perform but little work, and seem to be on the most intimate terms with their owners. When they wish to do so they can enter the houses of their masters. of the dator, and even the palace of the suitant some of them were interexted spectators and listeners each time that Consrat Bates held a conference with the suitan or his chiefthins. It is really a system of peenege mixed with feudi's seridora, without the labor suggested by either term. The price of a slave varies from \$10 upward, and if a slave procures his freedom under a new order of things he will probably have to labor on a coffee or encounty placetation, working ton hours a day. General Bates, housever, inserted a provision in the agreement by which slaves could be freed

heast. Such a man was termed a gayly attired "Juramertado." Apropos of this class, summer sun, General Bates told the sultan that practices of this nature must cease, and in case a More became a Juvamentado we should not only hang or other-

ready issued an edict forbidding them.
"We do not come here for nothing,"
said the general. "We hope to make are now a part of the great American convolved you will be preferred by such shins as the Charleston, which s now in your harbor." Concrut Bat s also siluntated in the agreement that if the Moros thought that they were imposed from by any military or pavel commander they should have the right

Curious adds and ends of humanity drill into the Jole sen. At one inter-view General Enter found himself faced by an Arab, a Mere, a Nullian, a sas, Alaska and various other places.

to make proper complaint to the gev-

PRESENTS TO GEN. PATES.

The sultan presented a pourt which was declined on account of the great value; also a pany, which was declined. Data Jenhauain sent his barreng to the sourced Data Cathi cent his lanear thate aklun cont his kris; Date Andr Hussin sent lds hels and two bulls; Unite Tantung cent some coconnuts: Date Albeith sent a gent (now the mascot of the Charleston), The old sultana presented the general with one of the gandy state uniforms of her late bushand, with the post-"It is dear to me because it was made with my own band and sell coatains the sweat of my hysboud." The old seltung is a friend of the United States and not allowether had that the gently tore the lecturer's argument to court gassip at Mathur bints that the pieces, greatly to the latter's astonishdeeped her late husband). She was ment and to the amusement of the Visayan native girl and possibly audience. As he sat down the lecturer thought that to rise in this world re- | said; oulred characteristics other than those of grace of person or aweetness of dis-

HOW THE GENERAL SHOWED

CONFIDENCE. Cleneral Bates and his staff in order to show friendly confidence surprised the Moros by going among them unarmed, which seemed to the natives unbeard-of rushness. Two of the islands visited by the general's aid-decamp had probably never known the heel of a white man, or at most very rarely. In fact, it would not have beet wise to go otherwise than unarmed. An armed party would suggest hostifity and not confidence. An armed officould offer little resistance in a jungle; hesides, firearms are so vainupon the payment of the "usual mar- able to the Mores that to show a ket value" (average 120). weapon of modern make to a More is on the stage in one of De Wolf HopArticle 7.-The introduction of frearms of per's plays. "Wang" or "Paujandrum," and war material is forbidden, except life would present himself to a Ma- watch before a Broadway pickpocket.

killing Christian dogs. He would then new fellow-countrymen-the Moros. It start for the nearest Spanish garrison is unfortunate that the camera can and run armek until shot like a wild give no idea of the local color of this gayly attired people under their ever-

HOW THE SULTAN CAME TO JOLO,

When the sultan came to Jolo to meet General Eates and to prepare the wise kill him, but we should hang the official papers he and his retinue prepriest who administered the oath. The sented a brave appearance. The gensultan said that such a practice eral had sent an aid to the neighborformed no part of the then Moham-median religion, and that he had al-ready issued an edict forbidding them. "Majasari," the spotiess, the most pure). The sultan was surrounded by a dozen members of his court, and mency by trading with you and de-veloping these islands, and I believe whom carried rifles at the position "adabout sixty men-at-arms, thirty of that your people will profit by our vance carbine," preceded the potentiate. methods and our government. You All except the sultan wore native atnotice, and as long as you behave barong, kris and spear and the kaleldoscopic colors of their various costumes At the town gate this retinue was met by four companies and the band of the Twenty-third regulars, dressed in their businesslike uniform of khaki. As a whole it presented a picturesque and interesting sight, this ruler of these distant Islands going to meet the federal general to sign allegiance to the United States and to ask for the same

Surprised the Lecturer. Albon P. Man, the inventor of incan-Although General Pates treated the descent lighting by the use of a carbon Moros with firmness and refused some filament in a vacuum, is still active impossible things which they request- strong and industrious, though well ed, he also received them is a kindly beyond the three score-and-ten-years' manner and impressed upon them that limit. He looks more like a banker they should receive insided and he left" than a scientist, and in the subdued many friends among the islands. Their light of a lecture room appears at a friendship was shown in several press distance like a young man. Not long ago he attended a lecture in Brooklyn, Yn upon the higher problems of electrical science delivered by a profeasor with many titles and degrees, At the close the speaker called for comments and criticism from the au-

> Man, who was sitting well back in the half, arose, and, quoting a long statement from the lecture concerning difficult process, asked if he had heard it correctly,

"With remarkable accuracy, sir," replied the lecturer. They are almost my very words." The inventor then clearly but co-

"I can hardly reply at present. You seem to have some inferination on the "Yes," replied Mr. Man: "I discovered the process myself nearly thirty years ago."-Saturday Evening Post.

A Practical Point.

Scorcher-How would you punctuate Look at that pretty girl in her automo-Patter—That's easy—comma after
"pretty girl" and after "automobile."
Scorcher—I'd rather make a dash after
that pretty girl.—Automobile Magazine.

Mathematical. "Morror of horrors, what da my eyes behold? You. Emerson Beaconstreet, perusing a novel by George Meredith."
"Even so, mame. But it is not for the loy of reading, I assure you. Merely, I am excogitating upon his character with the intention of compiling a new

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