

No. 213

**IRAQ
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND**

Exchange of Notes respecting the status of the Iraqi Diplomatic Mission in London and the precedence of His Majesty's Ambassador at Baghdad. Baghdad, 2 August 1946

Arabic and English official texts communicated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq. The registration took place on 30 March 1948.

**IRAK
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET
D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

Echange de notes concernant le statut de la mission diplomatique irakienne à Londres et la préséance de l'Ambassadeur de Sa Majesté à Bagdad. Bagdad, 2 août 1946

Textes officiels arabe et anglais communiqués par le Ministre des affaires étrangères d'Irak. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 30 mars 1948.

No. 213. EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ BETWEEN THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ AND HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM RESPECTING THE STATUS OF THE IRAQI DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN LONDON AND THE PRECEDENCE OF HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR AT BAGHDAD. BAGHDAD, 2 AUGUST 1946

I

Sir Hugh Stonehewer-Bird to Dr. Mohammed Fadhil Al Jamali

BRITISH EMBASSY

Bagdad, 2nd August, 1946

M. le Ministre,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have not failed to take note of the desire expressed on several occasions by the Iraqi Government to raise the status of their Mission in London to that of an Embassy, and have given the matter sympathetic consideration which the close and friendly relations between the two countries demand.

2. A proposal in this sense has now been laid before The King, who has signified His assent, and I therefore have the honour to request that you will inform me in due course of the name of the person whom His Majesty the King of Iraq desires to accredit as his Ambassador in London in order that the nomination may be submitted to The King for His Majesty's agrément.

3. At the same time I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government will not in the future claim any special precedence for the successors of His Majesty's Ambassador at Bagdad in relation to the representatives of other Powers. I therefore have the honour to propose that this note and your reply should be considered as terminating the understanding embodied in the notes exchanged on the 30th June, 1930² between Sir F. H. Humphrys and his Excellency Noury Said regarding the status of the Missions in the respective capitals.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) HUGH STONEHEWER-BIRD

¹ Came into force on 2 August 1946, by the exchange of the said notes.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Volume CXXXII, page 363.

II

Dr. Mohamed Fadhil Al Jamali to Sir Hugh Stonehewer-Bird

GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Bagdad, 2nd August, 1946

M. l'Ambassadeur,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received your Excellency's Note of to-day's date of which the following is the text:—

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform your Excellency on behalf of the Royal Iraqi Government that I accept the contents of your Note referred to above, and I agree to consider it as terminating the validity of the letters exchanged on the 30th June, 1930, between Sir F. H. Humphrys and his Excellency Saiyid Noury Said. His Majesty the King of Iraq will shortly appoint an Ambassador in London and I shall inform you of his name in due course in order that agrément may be obtained.

Accept, &c.

(Signed) FADHIL AL JAMALI