

APPENDIX F

Pages 8 and 9 of "Papers Relating to Tibet, 1904."

(Note the declaration of the British Agent that nothing short of the complete destruction, as to British interests, of the isolation desired by Tibet, would be considered as satisfactory.—O. T. C.)

Letter from the Government of India, in the Foreign Department, to the Right Honourable the Earl of Kimberley, K.G., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, the 4th July, 1893. (Received the 25th July, 1893.)

(Extract)

With our despatch, dated the 25th March, 1890, we had the honour to forward copies of the Sikkim-Tibet Convention which was signed on the 17th of that month, and His Excellency the Viceroy's telegram of the 31st December, 1890, informed Lord Cross that Mr. A. W. Paul, C.I.E., C.S., had been selected for the appointment of British Commissioner under Article VII. of the Convention. In our despatch, dated the 2nd November, 1892, we reported that, although we had made numerous and important concessions to China in the course of the ensuing negotiations, matters had come to a dead-lock owing to the persistence of the Chinese in the determination to entirely exclude Indian tea from Tibet. A compromise has, however, at length been effected, and as the reserved articles of the Convention appear now to be within measurable distance of settlement, it will be convenient to place before Your Lordship a sketch of what has passed since the negotiations were opened nearly two and a half years ago. As a first step representatives on behalf of China were appointed under the terms of the Convention by the orders of