

Protocol to the Treaty provides that the Codes must be submitted to the American Government. I have no doubt a protest will be made in view of the fact that in many American States there is no discrimination against alien ownership of land, and in many others, aliens may own land upon a basis of reciprocity. As Siamese subjects in the United States, therefore, enjoy in the very great majority of American States, rights of ownership in land substantially the same as that enjoyed by native citizens, it might be regarded as a hardship upon Americans to deprive them in Siam of the privilege of taking perpetual leaseholds. If the Treaty should be construed so as to allow Americans to own land upon a most favored nation basis, and this, I think, can be done, I have no objection to the proposal of the Code Commission, but unless this is done there is danger of a protest."

The Commission of Codification have a preference in law for non-perpetual leases, as hereabove explained. But it belongs to the Government to consider the arguments submitted by the Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and to finally decide in this question of policy.

497. - The lesser is bound to deliver the property hired in ~~such~~ a condition ~~as renders~~

~~it~~ fit for ordinary purposes or for the special purposes provided for ~~appearing~~ ~~from~~ in the contract. .

498. - .....

In case of houses or other buildings, this includes at least the repairing of the roofs, ~~lamps~~ posts, walls and floors and the repainting of the inside and outside at reasonable intervals.

499. - The lessor is bound to reimburse to the lessee any necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by him for the preservation of the property hired, except expenses for ordinary maintenance and petty repairs.

501. - In case of a defect ~~existing~~ in the property hired ~~and~~ which impairs ~~appearing~~ its fitness for ordinary purposes or for the special purposes ~~appearing from~~ provided for in the lease, the lessee may determine the contract, etc. etc.

502. - The lessor is not liable in the following cases: