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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 2, 1854.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, an extract of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Tripoli, dated 18th November 1853, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Malta, announcing that after the 8th of December next, until the gathering in of the New Crops, the exportation of wheat will be prohibited from all parts of that Province.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 2, 1854.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Lisbon, enclosing the following translation of an Edict from the Lisbon Board of Health, permitting *suspected* Vessels bound to Oporto to call at Aveiro or Vianna.

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(Translation.)

The Board of Health, in consequence of the information it has received, and considering that the present state and progressive improvement of the Bars of Aveiro and Vianna, already permit vessels of a certain size to enter and leave those Ports without difficulty, and consequently render practicable to ascertain the sanitary state of a great number of suspected vessels, and being desirous to afford to commerce all facilities compatible with the security of public health, hereby makes known, and enjoins the observance of the following:—

1st. *Suspected* vessels bound to Oporto may, before arriving at their destination, have their sanitary condition verified at either of the Ports of Aveiro or Vianna.

2d. Such vessels, in case they shall have fulfilled the conditions required by the 1st Article of the Edict of the 29th of September last at Aveiro or Vianna, shall be there admitted to free pratique, and receive from the chief of the Health station a certificate in due form of their good sanitary condition.

3d. Vessels proceeding *originally* from suspected Ports, and appearing off the Bar of Oporto provided with certificates of free pratique at Aveiro or Vianna, shall at once be admitted, in free pratique, into the River Douro.

4th. Vessels bound to Oporto, and having been regularly visited at Aveiro or Vianna, but not having received the required certificates of free pratique, shall continue subject to the regulations established by the Edicts of the 24th and 25th of October 1850.

Lisbon, December 10, 1853.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the Post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the Post.

And whereas by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by Post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office," the proviso concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the Post, as fixed in and by the said first-mentioned Act, is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the Post, power is given, to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix a maximum weight of letters to be sent by the Post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof; and all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the Post in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with, and under, and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's