

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
January 12, 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 Rotterdam, transmitting a translation of a Decree relative to the importation of Grain and other Provisions into The Netherlands, and the rates of duty to be in force on the same until the 1st October 1854, of which the subjoined is a copy.

(Copy.)

(Staatsblad No. 139.) Decree of 23d December 1853, relative to measures for the encouragement of the Import of Grain and other Provisions.

We, William III., &c., &c., &c.,

HAVING taken into consideration that in consequence of the special measures adopted by neighbouring States to encourage the import of grain and other provisions, it has become necessary

Potatoes...	...	...	5 cents. per 10 mud. = 1d. stg. per 14 cwt.
Millet ...	...	...	1 " " 100 pounds = 1s. 5d. " " 220 $\frac{8}{12}$ lbs.
Rice ...	...	...	3 " " 100 pounds = 3s. 5d. " " 220 $\frac{8}{12}$ lbs.
Rice in husks or paddy ...	...	...	2 " " 100 pounds = 2s. 5d. " " 220 $\frac{8}{12}$ lbs.
Grain—			
Wheat and peeled spelt ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ qrts.
Rye, maize, or Turkish corn ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Barley and malt ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Buckwheat ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Oats and unpeeled spelt ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 10 "
Beans, tares, peas, and lentils ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Groats, grits, and peeled barley ...	...	...	10 " " last = 2d. " " 220 $\frac{8}{12}$ lbs.
Bread, biscuit, and flour of all kinds of grain, vermicelli, maccaroni, semorile, and bran ...	...	...	4f. 10 " " 100 pounds = 6s. 10d. " " "

The above to be inserted in the Staatsblad and all our Ministerial Departments.

Authorities, &c., are charged with the execution of this Decree, &c.

The Hague, 23d December 1853.

(Signed) WILLIAM.

The Minister of Finance, Issued 27 Decr. 1853.  
VAN DOOM.

The Council of State, the Director of the King's Cabinet,  
A. G. A. VAN RAPPARD.

#### 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," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or Inland Postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of Foreign or Colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given, should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas, in pursuance, and in exercise of the power or authority given to the Commissioners

likewise in this Country to adopt extraordinary means to encourage the import of said articles.

Having seen our Decree of 15th September 1853, (Staatsblad No. 103), and attending to Art. 2 of the Law of 19th June 1845 (Staatsblad No. 28):

Having heard the Council of State, and in common concert with the States-General,

Have decreed, and do decree,

Art. i. The levying of the duties on the importation of potatoes and millet, as fixed by Tariff added to the Law of 19th June 1845 (Staatsblad No. 28), and of the duties on the importation of wheat and peeled spelt, rye, maize, or Turkish corn, barley and malt, buck-wheat, oats, and unpeeled spelt, beans, tares, peas, and lentils, groats, grits, and peeled barley, as fixed by Art. 2 of the Law of 30th May 1847 (Staatsblad No. 24), and by the Law of 3d March 1852 (Staatsblad No. 19), is suspended till the 1st October 1854.

Art. ii. Till the above-mentioned period the duties on the importation of the named grains and provisions will be levied as follows:—

of Her Majesty's Treasury, in and by the said recited Act, a certain Warrant under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, and dated the 19th day of July 1852, was made, by which letters are authorized to be transmitted between the United Kingdom and the German Postal Union, and between any Foreign Country, through any part of the German Postal Union, and any place in the United Kingdom, and between the German Postal Union and any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any Foreign Country through the United Kingdom, and between any Foreign Country through any part of the German Postal Union, and any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any Foreign Country through the United Kingdom (the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet boat), at the rates of postage therein mentioned. And whereas the States of Schoumburg-Lippe and Lippe-Detmold have since joined the German Postal Union.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said recited Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, direct that from henceforth the term "German Postal Union" used in the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of July 1852, shall in all cases be construed, deemed, and taken to include the states of Schoumburg-Lippe, and Lippe-Detmold, in like manner, in all respects, as if those States had been included in the German Postal Union at the date of the said Warrant of the 19th day of July 1852; and we hereby revoke, annul, and make void any declaration, exception, matter or thing in such Warrant contained to the contrary thereof.