

lating the terms of importation and exportation of certain Articles of Food.

Law authorising the Government to regulate temporarily the Import Duties on Coal.

Art. I. The Government is authorised to reduce, to suspend entirely, and to re-impose the import duties on coal.

Art. II. The powers conferred by the preceding Article shall cease on 31st December 1854, unless previously renewed; and, in case of non-renewal, the General Tariff shall come again into force at that date.

Art. III. The measures taken to carry out the present Law shall be submitted, within one month after their date, to the approval of the Chambers, if sitting, and if not sitting, in the course of their next session.

Given at Laeken, 31st December 1853,

LEOPOLD.

By the King. The Minister of State, Governor of Brabant, temporarily in charge of the Department of Finances,

LIEDTS.

DECREE suppressing the Import Duties on Coals, founded upon the above Law.

Considering the Law of this day's date (see above), authorising the Government to reduce, to suspend entirely, and to re-impose the import duties on coal:

On the proposition of our Minister of Finance,

We have decreed, and decree,—

Sole Article. Until further orders the import duties on coal are abolished.

Our Minister of Finance is charged with the execution of the present Decree.

Given at Laeken, 31st December 1853,

LEOPOLD.

By the King. The Minister of State, Governor of Brabant, temporarily in charge of the Department of Finances,

LIEDTS.

(Copy.)

Art. I. The provisions of the Royal Decree of 28th August 1853, are approved.

The following articles are admitted duty free until 31st July 1854:—

Wheat.
Spelt, cleaned and uncleaned.
Meslin.
Rye.
Indian Corn.
Barley.
Malt.
Buck-wheat.
Oats.
Peas.
Lentils.
Kidney Beans.
Horse Beans.
Vetches.
Groats.
Pearl Barley.
Flour and Meal of all kinds.
BRAN.

Starch (fécules).

Bread.

Biscuit.

Macaroni.

Semolina.

Vermicelli.

Gingerbread.

Rice.

Smoked Hams.

Bulls.

Oxen.

Cows.

Steers.

Heifers.

Calves.

Sheep.

Lambs.

Pigs.

The following articles may also be imported free until 31st December 1854:—

Bacon, and all kinds of meat not enumerated in the Tariff.

The provisions of paragraph 2 are applicable to every vessel, Belgian or Foreign, whose clearance papers shall prove that her cargo of grain, or other provisions comprised in the above paragraph, was completed, and that she sailed from a Foreign port before 31st July 1854.

ART. II. The provisions of the Royal Decree of 13th October 1853 are approved.

The exportation of the following articles is prohibited until 31st July 1854:—

Potatoes, and potatoe starch.

Lentils.

Peas.

Beans (kidney).

ART. III. If circumstances permit, the Government has power, before the 31st July 1854, to rescind Art. II.

ART. IV. The present Law shall come into operation on the day after its publication.

Given at Laeken, 31st December 1853,

LEOPOLD.

By the King. Minister of the Interior.
F. PIERCOT.

The Minister of State, Governor of Brabant, temporarily in charge of the Department of Finance,
LIEDTS.

CROWN-OFFICE, January 16, 1854.

MEMBER returned to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

County of Gloucester.

Eastern Division.

Sir Michael Hicks Hicks Beach, Bart., in the room of Henry Charles Fitzroy Somerset, commonly called Marquis of Worcester, now Duke of Beaufort, summoned to the House of Peers.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, January 14, 1854.

Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Erratum in Gazette of 6th January 1854.

For, Gentleman Cadet Benjamin Humphrey to be Second Lieutenant,
Read, Gentleman Cadet Benjamin Geale Humphrey to be Second Lieutenant.