

Board of Trade, Whitehall, September 13, 1855.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of 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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree modifying, as follows, the duty on Machinery and articles of Iron and Steel.

		per 100 kilos.	
Cast Iron, purified, termed <i>Mazée</i> , in masses of the weight of 15 kilos, or more,		7 francs.	
Iron.	{ In plates or flattened, plated with tin, lead, zinc, or copper,	40 "	
	{ Wire - { Iron Wire plated with another metal,	30 "	
	{ White Metal Strings for instruments (same duty as for Steel Wire.)		
Nothing considered as wire which has not passed through the drawing plate.			
Hardware.	{ Steel Plates of all kinds,	50 "	
	{ Steel Wire for instrument strings,	70 "	
	{ None will be considered as plates which are not of the size of from 20 to 25 centimètres at least.		
	{ Broken articles of Wrought Iron,	8 "	
	{ Broken articles of Cast Iron (same duty as Raw Cast Iron.)		
Machinery and Implements in a complete state.	Steam Engines,	{ Stationary,	25 "
		{ Marine,	35 "
		{ Locomotives without Tenders,	40 "
		{ for Spinning,	40 "
		{ for twisting (métiers à tisser),	15 "
	Other than steam	{ Cards (untrimmed),	30 "
		{ for tile-making,	60 "
		{ for paper-making,	30 "
		{ for printing,	30 "
		{ agricultural,	15 "
	Other than steam, not specified, and weighing,	{ Wagons (de terrassement) with wooden bodies and cast iron wheels,	20 "
		{ River Boats and Wherries, Tenders, Boilers, Gasometers, Sugar, and Distilling, and Heating Apparatuses, in iron,	30 "
		{ 100 kilos. at least,	65 "
		{ 100 to 200 kilos,	45 "
		{ 200 to 1,000 kilos.	35 "
	{ 1,000 to 2,500 kilos.	30 "	
	{ 2,000 to 5,000 kilos.	25 "	
	{ more than 5,000,	20 "	
Plates and Ribands of Cards of all kinds,		200 "	
Machinery and Implements, in detached pieces.	others in cast iron, weighing	{ 25 kilos. at least,	80 "
		{ 25 to 50 kilos.,	65 "
		{ 50 to 100 kilos.,	55 "
		{ 100 to 200 kilos.,	45 "
		{ 200 to 1,000 kilos.,	35 "
	in wrought iron	{ 1,000 to 2,500,	25 "
		{ 2,500 to 5,000 kilos.,	20 "
		{ more than 5,000,	15 "
		{ 5 kilos., at least,	100 "
		{ 5 to 25 kilos.,	80 "
	{ 25 to 50 kilos.,	70 "	
	{ more than 50 kilos.,	60 "	
	in steel	200 "	
Tools.	Implements of Husbandry, Flax, Combs, &c.	{ Scythes,	120 "
		{ Sickles, &c.	as at present.
	Files and Rasps,	{ with iron or copper teeth,	ditto.
		{ with steel teeth,	
	Saws of the length of	{ Fine, for polishing, { 17 centimètres, or more,	180 "
		{ of the length of { of less than 17 centimètres,	225 "
		{ 146 centimètres, or more,	110 "
		{ of less than 146 centimètres and down to 50 centimètres, and Circular Saws of more than 20 centimètres diameter,	175 "
		{ of 50 centimètres and less, and Circular Saws of less than 20 centimètres diameter,	200 "
	Others,	{ of pure iron,	as at present.
{ of iron mixed with steel,		125 "	
{ of pure steel,		175 "	
Metal Gause,	{ of iron,	75 "	
	{ of steel, pure,	150 "	