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WHITEHALL, January 18, 1856.

THE Queen has been pleased to give and grant unto General Sir James Simpson, G.C.B., Her Majesty's royal licence and permission that he may accept and wear the Imperial Order of the Medjidie of the First Class, which the Sultan hath been pleased to confer upon him, as a mark of His Imperial Majesty's approbation of his distinguished services before the enemy during the present war, and that he may enjoy all the rights and privileges thereunto belonging.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 18, 1856.*

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 Minister at Brussels, transmitting copy of a recent Belgian Law regulating the importation and exportation of the subjoined articles as follows:—

Importation.

Articles to be admitted free from import duty :

Wheat, maize stripped of the husk or not, maslin, lentils, peas and haricot beans, rye, buckwheat, horse beans, vetches, barley, malt, oats, groats and pearl barley, flour and meal of all kinds, bran, starch, and substances of like

nature, rice, bread, biscuits, potatoes, cattle, sheep, pigs, and meat of all kinds.

All kinds of fish will be admitted free of duty, except:—

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| Fresh Dabs | Fresh Turbot |
| “ Cod | Salmon, fresh, salted, |
| “ Soles | dried or smoked |
| Eclefins | Anchovies |
| Elbots | Cray Fish, fresh |
| Smelt | Lobsters |
| Whiting | Skate |
| Flounders | Plaice |
| Cod, in brine or dry salted | |

Exportation.

It is prohibited to export—Wheat, Indian c maize, rye, buckwheat, flour and meal of all ki , potatoes and starch.

The above Regulations to be in force until 31st December 1856.

The Belgian Government may, however, at any time prior to that period, cease to allow the law to exist as at present, with respect to the importation of herrings and the exportation of the above articles mentioned as prohibited.

The freedom from import duty on the articles mentioned will be applicable to the vessels of all countries, conditionally on the production of papers declaring that the lading and departure of the vessel was completed, and had taken place prior to the 31st December 1856.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, January 17, 1856.

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, forwarding copy of a French Imperial Decree, regulating the import duties on prepared hides, as follows:—

Prepared Hides,	Prepared with tan,	Tanned only, for Soles, or other purposes,	Pigs,	200
		Curried,	Other { large, small,	45
	Prepared with alum,	Hungarian dressed,	For the legs, fronts, and backs of boots,	
		Dressed for Gloves,	Others,	

