

Danebrog, and of the Ernestine Branch of Saxony, Knight of the first class in diamonds of the Princely Order of Hohenzollern, &c., President of the Chamber of Peers, His actual Councillor of State and Honorary Minister of State, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Her Britannic Majesty ;

His Majesty the King of Prussia, the Prince Gustavus d'Ysenbourg and Budingem, Knight of His Order of the Red Eagle of the third class with knot, Knight *de droit* of the Order of St. John of Prussia, and decorated with the Cross for Military Merit, Grand Cross of the Order of the House of Oldenburg, Commander of the first class of the Orders of the Guelphs of Hanover, and of Henry the Lion of Brunswick, &c., His Lieutenant-Colonel attached to the First Regiment of Dragoons of the Guard, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Hanover ;

His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, King of Poland, Grand Duke of Finland, the Sieur John Persiany, Knight of His Orders of St. Anne of the first class, of St. Stanislaus of the first class, and of St. Vladimir of the third class, Grand Cross of the Redeemer of Greece, Knight of the Lion of Zaehringen of the third class, and decorated with the Order of the Nichan-Iftihar of Turkey, His Privy Councillor, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the King of Hanover ;

His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, the Sieur Charles Adolphus Sterky, Knight of His Order of the Polar Star, of the Order of St. Anne of Russia of the third class, and of the Order of Danebrog, his Minister Resident on a Special Mission to His Majesty the King of Hanover, His Minister Resident and Consul-General to the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Ham-
burgh ;

The Senate of the Free Hanseatic City of Lubeck, the Sieur Theodore Curtius, Doctor of Laws, and Senator of that City ;

The Senate of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, the Sieur Otho Gildemeister, a Senator of that City ;

The Senate of the Free Hanseatic City of Ham-
burgh, the Sieur Charles Hermann Merck, Doctor of Laws, a Syndic of the said City ;

Who, after having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles :—

ARTICLE I.

His Majesty the King of Hanover engages to Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and Bohemia, His Majesty the King of the Belgians, His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, His Majesty the King of Denmark, Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, His Majesty the Emperor of the French, His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, His Majesty the King of the Kingdom of Portugal and the Algarves, His Majesty the King of Prussia, His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, King of Poland, Grand Duke of Finland, His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, and the Senates of the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Ham-
burgh, who accept such engagement—

1. To abolish completely and for ever the duty hitherto levied upon the cargoes of vessels which, in ascending the Elbe, pass the mouth of the River Schwinge, which duty is generally known under the name of the Stade or Brunshausen toll.

2. Not to substitute for the duty, the suppression of which is stipulated by the preceding para-

graph, any new tax, of whatever nature, with regard either to the hull or the cargo, upon vessels which shall ascend or descend the Elbe.

3. Not henceforth to subject, under any pretence whatever, vessels which shall ascend or descend the Elbe, to any measure of control relating to the discontinued duty.

It is however well understood that the above-mentioned arrangements shall be obligatory only with regard to the Powers which are Parties to the present Treaty, or may accede thereto ; His Majesty the King of Hanover expressly reserving to himself the right to regulate, by special arrangements, not involving visit or detention, the treatment in regard to duties and customs, of vessels belonging to Powers which have not, or shall not become parties to this Treaty.

ARTICLE II.

His Majesty the King of Hanover engages moreover to the above-mentioned High Contracting Parties :—

1. To take care, as hitherto, and according to his actual obligations, of the preservation of the works which are necessary to the free navigation of the Elbe.

2. Not to introduce, by way of compensation for the expenses resulting from the execution of such engagement, any charge whatever in the stead and place of the Stade or Brunshausen duty.

ARTICLE III.

The engagements contained in the two preceding Articles shall come into operation from and after the 1st of July 1861.

ARTICLE IV.

As compensation for the sacrifices which the stipulations above-mentioned will impose upon His Majesty the King of Hanover, Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary and Bohemia, His Majesty the King of the Belgians, His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, His Majesty the King of Denmark, Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, His Majesty the Emperor of the French, His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, His Majesty the King of the Kingdoms of Portugal and the Algarves, His Majesty the King of Prussia, His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, King of Poland, Grand Duke of Finland, His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway, and the Senates of the Free Hanseatic Cities of Lubeck, Bremen, and Ham-
burgh, engage, on their part, to pay to His Majesty the King of Hanover, who accepts the same, a total sum of 2,857,338½ German thalers, to be thus assessed :—

	German thalers.
Upon Great Britain	1,033,333½
... Austria	1,273
... Belgium	19,413
... Bremen	40,334
... Brazil	1,013
... Denmark	209,543
... Spain	37,789
... France	71,166
... Ham- burgh	1,033,333½
... Lubeck	8,882
... Mecklenburg
... Norway
... Netherlands
... Portugal
... Prussia
... Russia
... Sweden

