

which last-mentioned essences or preparations, duty shall be paid, as on shipwash tobacco, according to a standard to be fixed by the Governor in Council.

Blasphemous, indecent, or obscene prints, paintings, books, cards, lithographic, or other engravings, or other blasphemous, indecent, or obscene articles.

Infected cattle, sheep, or other animals, and hides, skins, horns, hoofs, or any other part of cattle, or other animals which the Governor in Council may prohibit, in order to prevent any infectious or contagious distemper or disease.

Spirits (not being perfumed or medicinal spirits) unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in casks or other vessels capable of containing liquids, each of such casks or other vessels being of the size or content of fourteen gallons at the least, and duly reported, or in glass bottles or stone bottles, not exceeding the size of three pint bottles, and being really part of the cargo of the importing ship, and duly reported.

Snuff or tobacco, unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in whole and complete packages, each containing not less than sixty pounds nett weight, and not containing any other goods, and unless into such ports as are or may be approved by the Governor in Council for the importation and warehousing of tobacco.

Cigars, unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in packages containing not less than sixty pounds nett weight, or not less than ten thousand in number each, and not containing any other goods, and unless into such ports as are or may be approved as last aforesaid.

Opium, unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in whole and complete packages, each containing not less than forty-five pounds nett weight, and not containing any other goods, and unless into such ports as are or may be approved of by the Governor in Council, for the importation and warehousing of opium.

(C. 721.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
June 3, 1869.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Carthage, reporting that the Spanish Government have imposed three days Quarantine observation on all vessels proceeding from Oran.

(C. 723.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
June 3, 1869.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from the Acting Consul-General at Caracas, inclosing copy and translation of a Decree of the National Congress of Venezuela, bearing date 29th April last, which imposes an additional duty of 20 per cent. upon merchandise imported into that Republic, to meet the extraordinary expenses incurred on account of the Revolution.

The following are the Articles of this Decree which have reference to British Trade and Shipping :—

ART. 1. For the term of twenty months an extraordinary contribution of 20 per cent. on the import duties collected at all the Custom-houses of the Republic, is hereby established.

ART. 2. This contribution shall be paid cash down at all the Custom-houses on all merchandise, the Consular Certificates of which shall have been issued at a later date than that of the present decree.

ART. 8. The National Executive is hereby authorized, for the public benefit, to free from the additional impost such articles of food as in their judgment they shall consider ought to be exempted.

(C. 725.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
June 3, 1869.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, an extract from the "Journal Officiel" containing a Decree of the French Government relative to the suppression of Differential Dues in French Guiana.

The following are the Articles of this Decree, which bears date 19th May last :—

ART. 1. The differential duties established by ART. 2 of the Decree of the 24th December 1864, upon merchandize imported into French Guiana by Foreign vessels, are hereby suppressed.

ART. 2. The Minister of Marine and of the Colonies is charged with the execution of the present Decree, which shall be inserted in the *Bulletin des Lois* and in the *Bulletin Officiel de la Marine*.

(C. 726.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
June 3, 1869.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General at Lima, inclosing an extract from the "El Nacional" of the 26th April last, with reference to a request that had been preferred by the Guano Consignees in Great Britain, with reference to some of the clauses of the Contract relative to the last loan which had been made by the Peruvian Government.

The following is the translation of the Extract in question :—

"The Consignees of Guano in Great Britain solicited the Government to explain the meaning of some of the clauses of the Contract relating to the last loan which they had made, and in conformity with this request it has been declared that the Standard Exchange is forty-four and a half pence, and that when the term of the Consignation (Agreement) has expired the Government shall be able to choose between paying in money the necessary sum for the service of the Anglo-Prussian debt, or leaving to the Consignees the exclusive sale of the Guano, for the purpose of applying its product towards that object."