

Board of Trade, (Harbour Department),

Whitehall Gardens, S. W., August 22, 1870.

THE Board of Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copy of a Despatch from Lieutenant-Colonel Stokes, R.E., the British Representative on the European Commission of the Danube, forwarding a statement of the receipt and expenditure of the European Commission of the Danube during the year 1869, a copy of which is subjoined:—

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION OF THE DANUBE DURING THE YEAR 1869.

FIRST PART.—ORDINARY BUDGET.

RECEIPTS.

	frs.	cts.
Produce of Navigation Dues levied at Sulina in 1869	1,540,323	75
Amount received from London Loan	125,000	00
Miscellaneous receipts, such as produce of sale of materials not made use of, interest on funds deposited in current account, gain on exchange, &c. ...	21,744	02
Interest received on the special funds:—		
(a.) On the funds for the repayment of the 10 per cent loan	13,981	69
(b.) On the funds for the completion of the works	11,025	00
Total Receipts	<u>1,712,074</u>	<u>46</u>

EXPENDITURE.

TITLE I.—ADMINISTRATION.

Chap. 1.—Internal Administration.

	frs.	cts.
At Galatz	76,114	81
At Toultscha	3,866	12
At Sulina	18,009	61
Expenses common to these three sections	11,095	32

Chap. 2.—Police and Navigation Establishments.

General Inspection of the navigation	77,979	07
Captain of the Port of Sulina	39,255	31
Navigation Cash Office	34,258	18
Seamen's Hospital	27,220	99

Total Expenditure on Administration

287,859 41

(For details see below.)

TITLE II.—TECHNICAL SERVICE AND WORKS.

Chap. 1.—Engineering Staff	76,117	00
Chap. 2.—Surveys	9,139	85
Chap. 3.—Workshops, &c., at Sulina	14,457	46
Chap. 4.—Maintenance of the works at the mouth	56,114	11
Chap. 5.—Dredging plant	87,956	10
Chap. 6.—Miscellaneous works:—		
Bollards and mooring posts	10,866	62
Ordinary buoy service	10,000	00
Raising wrecks	19,723	01
Levelling ballast heaps	27,104	52
Repairs and alterations in the houses at Sulina	33,054	88
Chap. 7.—Repairs of barges	44,270	17
Total	<u>388,823</u>	<u>72</u>

TITLE III.—LOAN SERVICE AND OTHER EXPENSES.

Interest on ten per cent. bonds not liquidated	85,944	25
Interest on the London Loan	86,787	76
Banker's commission of 4 per cent., payable on the sum of 2,625,000 francs, forming the balance of the London Loan, received in 1869	105,160	00
Salaries of the Staff of the General Inspection of the Navigation, paid on account of the Ottoman Government	29,533	98
Gratuities	17,656	22
Commission to agents	1,103	20
General miscellaneous expenses	25,408	29
Repayment of taxes and fines	1,101	17
Loss on exchange	407	83
Indemnity to widow and children of a deceased employé	6,000	00
Total	<u>359,102</u>	<u>70</u>