

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
January 16, 1854.*

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, enclosing copies of two Laws which have received the Royal sanction, of which the subjoined are translations:—the first authorizing the Government to regulate temporarily the Import Duties on Coal, with a Decree, consequent thereon, suppressing those duties; and the second regulating the terms of importation and exportation of certain Articles of Food.

LAW authorizing the Government to regulate temporarily the Import Duties on Coal.

Art. I. The Government is authorized to reduce, to suspend entirely, and to reimpose the import duties on coal.

Art. II. The powers conferred by the preceding Article shall cease on 31st December, 1854, unless previously renewed; and, in case of non-renewal, the General Tariff shall come again into force at that date.

Art. III. The measures taken to carry out the present Law shall be submitted within one month after their date to the approval of the Chambers, if sitting, and if not sitting, in the course of their next session.

Given at Laeken, 31st December, 1853.

LEOPOLD.

By the King. The Minister of State, Governor of Brabant, temporarily in charge of the Department of Finances,

LIEDTS.

DECREE suppressing the Import Duties on Coals, founded upon the above Law.

Considering the Law of this day's date (see above), authorizing the Government to reduce, to suspend entirely, and to reimpose the import duties on coal:

On the proposition of our Minister of Finance, We have decreed, and decree,—

Sole Article. Until further orders, the import duties on coal are abolished.

Our Minister of Finance is charged with the execution of the present Decree.

Given at Laeken 31st December, 1853.

LEOPOLD.

By the King. The Minister of State, Governor of Brabant, temporarily in charge of the Department of Finance,

LIEDTS.

(Copy.)

Art. I. The provisions of the Royal Decree of 28th August, 1853, are approved.

The following articles are admitted duty free until 31st July, 1854:—

Wheat.  
Spelt, cleaned and uncleaned.  
Meslin.  
Rye.  
Indian corn.  
Barley.

Malt.  
Buckwheat.  
Oats.  
Peas.  
Lentils.  
Kidney beans.  
Horse beans.  
Vetches.  
Groats.  
Pearl barley.  
Flour and meal of all kinds.  
Bran.  
Starch (fécules).  
Bread.  
Biscuit.  
Macaroni.  
Semolina.  
Vermicelli.  
Gingerbread.  
Rice.  
Smoked hams.  
Bulls.  
Oxen.  
Cows.  
Steers.  
Heifers.  
Calves.  
Sheep.  
Lambs.  
Figs.

The following articles may also be imported free until 31st December, 1854:—

Bacon, and all kinds of meat not enumerated in the Tariff.

The provisions of paragraph 2 are applicable to every vessel, Belgian or foreign, whose clearance papers shall prove that her cargo of grain, or other provisions comprised in the above paragraph, was completed, and that she sailed from a foreign port, before 31st July, 1854.

Art. II. The provisions of the Royal Decree of 13th October, 1853, are approved.

The exportation of the following articles is prohibited until 31st July, 1854:—

Potatoes, and potato starch.  
Lentils.  
Peas.  
Beans (kidney).

Art. III. If circumstances permit, the Government has power, before the 31st July, 1854, to rescind Art. II.

Art. IV. The present law shall come into operation on the day after its publication.

Given at Laeken, 31st December, 1853.

LEOPOLD.

By the King. Minister of the Interior.  
F. PIERCOT.

The Minister of State, Governor of Brabant, temporarily in charge of the Department of Finance.

LIEDTS.

*Office of Ordnance, 14th January, 1854.*

*Royal Regiment of Artillery.*

Erratum in Gazette of 6th January, 1854.

For, Gentleman Cadet Benjamin Humphrey to be Second Lieutenant,  
Read, Gentleman Cadet Benjamin Geale Humfrey to be Second Lieutenant.