

Agreeably with the orders of His Excellency the Minister of Marine and Colonies,—

On the 15th November, 1855, at ten A.M., and on the following days, at the Warehouse of the Customs, at Cherbourg, will be sold to the highest bidder, under the conduct of the Commissaire of Marine Equipment and Prizes, in the presence of the Principal Receiver of Customs and of Marine Inspection.

First.—Of the Russian ship Sitka, built at Hamburg in 1853, entirely of oak, coppered and copper fastened, of 470 tons register, and 700 to 800 tons burthen:

Secondly.—Of 1390 lots, composed of tissues of several sorts, tobacco in leaf and packets, honey, various grains, haberdashery, works in metal, and tools of every kind, fat and resinous substances, ship biscuit, sugar, coffee, tea, articles of glass, earthenware, crystal, perfumery, furs, porcelain, made up clothing, articles in leather, meats, salt pork and beef, preserved meats, dried vegetables, various linens, millinery, cordage, chronometer, molasses, musical instruments, tafia, brandies of various sorts, gin, vinegar, firewood, &c., &c., &c.

As regards merchandize not liable to duty, if any impediment should present itself when the sale takes place, the day will be afterwards notified.

The conditions relating thereto are deposited at the Ministry of Marine (Prize Office), at the Fitting Office at Cherbourg, and at the Offices of Marine at the several ports.

Cherbourg, 1st October, 1855.

The Commissary of Marine Equipments and Prizes,

(Signed) L. BOURLA.

Seen.—The Commissary-General of Marine,

(Signed) CHATEL.

IMPERIAL MARINE.

Port of Cherbourg, year 1855.

Conditions of the sale of the Russian ship Sitka, condemned by a Decree of the Imperial Prize Court, dated the 5th June, 1855, and of her cargo:

ART. 1.—The sale will take place at Cherbourg.

The sale to be public, by open auction, on the 15th November, 1855, and on the following days, at ten o'clock A.M., at the Custom House Warehouse, under the management of the Commissaire aux Armements et Prises of the port of Cherbourg, and in the presence of the Principal Receiver of Customs and of Marine Inscription.

ART. 2.—The Russian ship Sitka, with her masts, rigging, and furniture, will be sold in one lot, and the sum at which she is put up will be fixed by the Commissaire aux Armements.

The biddings for this lot are not to be of a less amount than one hundred francs.

ART. 3.—Such persons as may wish to bid, can, up to the day of the sale, take cognizance of the inventory of the ship and of her cargo, at the Office of Armements, at Cherbourg.

They will also be allowed to visit the ship, and examine the several lots.

ART. 4.—Purchasers are to take the ship, or other lots, whether of the cargo or of articles appertaining to the ship, in the state in which they may be at the time of the sale; and they may not claim any deduction from the price given for them, on account of any error as to the tonnage of the ship, erroneous designation of any articles of her fittings or otherwise, mistake in weights,

&c., &c.; nor on the ground of the deterioration of any of them; because such purchasers will have the opportunity of verifying on the spot such several articles in all their detail.

ART. 5.—The capture of the ship Sitka, by a combined French and English squadron, having been declared valid, by decision of the Imperial Prize Court, under date of the 5th June, 1855, the purchasers will not have any rights to establish before taking possession of her, as this ship can only sail under the French flag if purchased by a French subject, or under the British flag if purchased by a British subject. It will only be necessary to fulfil the usual formalities at the Offices of Customs and Marine, and to defray the charges attending the same; but these are not to be deducted from the price of the ship.

ART. 6.—With respect to the other lots, whether of the ship or of her cargo, the custom duties are to be paid by the purchasers. All articles warehoused for exportation will be exempt from the duty on consumption.

The duties of octroi, indirect contributions, registration, and others, will also be paid by the purchasers.

ART. 7.—The ship and all her contents will be subject to the prohibitions contained in the Customs Laws.

Notations, which are inserted on the inventory, will show the duties to which the several articles are liable, as also such as are prohibited; but purchasers should verify the information so given, at the several offices to which they relate.

ART. 8.—Purchasers will pay to the Treasurer of the Invalides of Marine at Cherbourg, for the Prize Fund, the amount of their respective purchases.

The purchaser of the ship will bear the entire charge for registering this lot, as well as the stamps, and he will besides have to pay the expense of putting up to auction the whole of the cargo, of printing 250 copies of the notice of sale, and 150 copies of the conditions, &c.; also for inserting the advertisements of the sale in the local journals, according to accounts prepared by the Commissaire aux Armements et Prises.

ART. 9.—The sale, so far as relates to the ship, will not be final, until it has received the sanction of the Council of Administration, and the approval of the Minister of Marine; and the purchase-money, as well as the other several charges, are to be paid to the respective Receivers within eight days after notice of the same shall have been given to the purchaser. Delivery of the ship will then take place on the production of the several receipts.

In all the other lots, the delivery will take place immediately on the production of receipts for the amount of the same, and of the several duties to which they are liable.

ART. 10.—Except where purchasers may desire to deposit at the Caisse of the Invalides of Marine the amount of their purchases, they will be required to present on the day of the sale, as security, a known inhabitant of the town.

This person, who must be previously approved by the Commissaire of Adjudication, will engage himself jointly and severally with the purchaser for the payment of the amount realized at the sale, and of the expenses, as well as for the performance of the before-mentioned conditions.

ART. 11.—Agreeably to Article 11 of the decision of the 24 Floreal of the year 3, confirmed by the decree of the 24th February, 1854, French or British subjects, will alone be admitted to bid for the ship Sitka, and no person can be the purchaser who is not a subject of one of these