Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 27, 1865.

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 Ambassador at Berlin, enclosing a copy of the new Customs' Tariff of the Zollverein States, which will be in force from the 1st July, and will be applicable to the produce and manufactures of Great Britain, and of which the following is a translation:—

ARTICLES FREE OF IMPORT DUTY.

- 1. The productions of agriculture and husbandry, of an estate crossed by the custom-frontier, and the dwelling-house and household-buildings of which are situate within the frontier.
- 2. Household furniture and utensils, used and worn cloths and body-linen, used manufacturing and mechanical implements, imported by immigrants for their own use; also new cloths, linen and effects (by special permission) which form part of a dowry, imported by foreigners who settle in the country in consequence of their intermarrying in the country.
- 3. House-furniture and effects, used worn cloths and body-linen, which (by special permission) are imported as forming a portion of an inheritance.
- 4. Cloths, linen, and other travelling things which travellers, carriers and sailors take with them for their own use; also implements and instruments which travelling artists carry with them for practical use of their profession; also used cloths, linen, and other things which precede or follow the aforesaid persons; also provisions for consumption of travellers.
- 5. Carriages and boats and vessel imported for the purpose of conveyance of persons or goods, the vessels including all the used inventory-pieces found in them, provided they (the vessels) belong to foreigners, or the inland vessels bring back the same or similar inventory-pieces which they had on board when passing abroad; carriages of travellers; also (by special permission) even when, at the time of their importation, they did not serve as means of conveyance for the owners themselves, but were evidently previously employed as such, and are now imported for the same purpose; horses and other animals which are proved to have been employed as beasts of burden or transport for carts or travelling-vans; also riding-horses of travellers for their further conveyance.
- 6. Empty casks, sacks, etc., imported for the purpose of filling them with oil, grain, etc., to be sent abroad or are returned empty from abroad after having been discharged of their cargo; in both cases the identity must be secured and the import-duty guaranteed.
- 7. Pattern-books and patterns in cuttings and pieces, only imported as such and for that purpose.
- 8. Works of art imported for exhibitions, public institutions, and collections; also other objects imported for public libraries and other scientific institutions; also natural curiosities for scientific collections.
- 9. Antiquities, whose worth lies chiefly in their antiquity, and are of no other use but for collection.

ARTICLES SUBJECT TO IMPORT DUTY.

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 Waste Substances. a. Wastes of iron manufactories (dross and iron filings); of glasshouses, also broken pieces of glass and China wares; of wax preparations; of mother-water; of soap fabrics; of tanning fabrics, leather scraps, also old useless pieces of leather, and other waste leather only fit for preparation of glue	free.
c. Rags, all sorts; bleached and unbleached chopped rags or other materials, for paper mills; paper shavings; waste paper (written and printed); old fishing nets, old cordage and ropes; pulled lint — Note.—Wastes, not specially named, pay like the raw material of which they are made.	free.