

and its confluent, is not permitted, except to those ports in which there is a custom-house (Law of 18th September, 1845, Art. 25; Regulation of the Customs of 19th September, 1860, Art. 621).

Sec. 2. The merchandize already dispatched for consumption, in said Custom-houses, and which has, for any motive whatever, to go on to the Custom-house of Pará, or to any other port not in the Amazonas, shall previously satisfy the amount of the abatement which, at the time of their shipment or the delivery of their permit takes place, in conformity with Art. 40, this item of payment being entered on the respective dispatch. In the case of the want of a declaration in the custom-house or collectory of inward revenue, the difference shall be collected in a double ratio.

ART. 6. Dépôts (warehouses for deposits) shall be established in the Custom-houses of Manãos, Borba, and Tabatinga (Art. 3, sole §), as soon as the conventions on limits and fiscal and police regulations to which Art. 3 of Decree of 7th December, 1866, refers, shall be celebrated.

The entry of goods in the custom-house warehouses may take place in the following cases;—

- 1st. Of direct importation by sea, or by the inward waters of the Provinces of Amazonas or Pará, in conformity with the treaties and conventions, and the fiscal regulations expedited for their being put in execution (Reg. cit. Art. 164).
- 2nd. Of transference from one Custom-house warehouse to another (Reg. cit. Art. 216).
- 3rd. Of importation of national goods dispatched in any of the fluvial Custom-houses; this disposition extending to the Custom-house warehouses of Pará.

Sec. 1. The Custom-house warehouses shall, as far as receiving import duties, be like to foreign territory; consequently the merchandize may, during the allotted time, be freely, either all or part of them:—

- 1st. Re-exported, in transit to ports in boundary States, or transported to other Custom-house dépôts, the national Custom-house, or foreign port, without paying duties.
- 2nd. Dispatched for consumption, paying the respective duties.

Sec. 2. The merchandize, for the favour of the preceding Article, does not depend on the declaration in the manifest of the vessel, in order to be consigned to the dépôt; the declaration of the owners or consignees of the goods is sufficient, on their entering the dépôt.

Sec. 3. The President of the Province of Amazonas, upon the representation of the Inspectors of Customs, and instruction from the Treasury, shall designate the warehouses for the deposit of merchandize, and shall name the administrators of said dépôts.

Sec. 4. The said President of the Province of Amázonas, consulting the Inspector of the Treasury and the Inspectors of the Customs, may, if necessary, authorize, besides the public dépôt, private dépôts; the concession depending, but without suspension of effect, on the approval of the Government.

Sec. 5. In all else which has reference to the concession of dépôts, the entry, deposit, and going out of merchandize, their administration and responsibility, the dispositions of the regulations of the Customs, and of the Decree No. 3,217, of 31st December, 1863, shall be observed.

ART. 7. The Collectory of Revenue of Villa Nova, on the right bank of the River San Fran-

cisco, Province of Sergipe, besides the dispatch of imported goods, the product, industry, or manufacture both of the country and foreign, which have already paid duties, becomes qualified for exportation of national produce, either within or from out of the empire.

Sec. 1. The same station may equally admit the dispatching, national, or foreign vessels which may arrive loaded with foreign merchandize, free of duty.

Sec. 2. When vessels carry besides the merchandize mentioned in the preceding Article, others also of foreign origin, these shall be first dispatched in the Custom-house of Penedo, and shall go on afterwards with those whose dispatch can be made in the said collectory of revenues, each vessel receiving on board a guard of the said Custom-house, who shall accompany it to the port of Villa Nova.

Sec. 3. The collectory of revenue shall be considered of the second order; its administrator and the clerk shall receive the percentage which the President of the Province, the Treasury being consulted, shall award to them, being subject to the approval of the Government; and the two guards, who may be employed in that service, the daily pay fixed by the regulations of the Customs.

ART. 8. The importation of foreign goods for consumption, deposit, or transit, and the exportation of the produce, industry, and manufacture of the country to foreign ports, or of foreign merchandize already dispatched for consumption, or in deposit or transit, cannot be effected in the River Amazonas and its confluent, or in the River San Francisco, save in ports qualified by the present decree (Reg. cit., Art. 315).

Sec. 1. Under extraordinary circumstances and in the interest of public health and safety, the Presidents of the Provinces of Amazonas, Pará, and Alagoas, upon immediately informing the Government, may temporarily prohibit the importation, deposit, or transit, and the exportation or going out of certain foreign merchandize, or produce, manufacture, or industry of the country, in one or more of the ports or places mentioned, and their circulation within a certain and determined zone of the frontiers of the empire (Reg. cit., Art. 315, Sec. 2).

Sec. 2. The infraction of any of the dispositions aforesaid shall be punished by the seizure of the merchandize, loss of the vessels which may have directly served for its fraudulent importation, exportation, or transference from one vessel to another, and fine equal to two-thirds of the value of the merchandize (Reg. cit., Art. 315, Sec. 3).

Sec. 3. The penalties mentioned in the preceding paragraph extend to every attempt of fraudulent importation, exportation, or transshipment from one vessel to another, which may have been shewn by outward acts or commencement of execution, frustrated by fortuitous circumstances, or independent of the will of the party.

ART. 9. To the penal dispositions of Secs. 2 and 3 of the preceding Article are subject:—

Sec. 1. Foreign vessels of every description, tonnage, flag, or from whatever port soever.

- 1st. Which may be found anchored or alongside, in the act of discharging or transhipping, or receiving cargo, or after having discharged or transhipped part or the whole of the cargo, or received cargo in any port not qualified, or merely so for the coasting trade, or practising such acts clandestinely, in small bays, or in other territorial waters of the empire.