

ART. 6. All dues, of any class whatever, including sanitary ones, with the sole exception of the special ones for quarantine and lazaret, at present exacted from ships, are reduced to one single duty, which shall be called "duty on unloading cargo" (de descarga), and which shall be paid on the ton of 1000 kilograms of the merchandize unloaded. This duty shall be at the rate of ten reals the ton of 1000 kilograms of goods unloaded in regard to ships which navigate the high seas, and at the rate of three reals on those which do the coasting trade. In the last case ships under twenty tons burthen shall only pay half the amount.

ART. 7. The carrying of passengers shall also be subject to a special duty; viz.: two reals for every person who disembarks from a ship employed in the coasting trade, and five reals for any one who disembarks from a ship which navigates on the high seas.

ART. 8. Steamers making regular journies can make special agreements with the administration respecting the duty on unloading cargo and on passengers.

ART. 9. When a ship is obliged to put into port from stress of weather or any other cause, and transfers her cargo to another ship, or unloads it with the intention of reloading, no duty shall be paid, as it is only leviable on goods unloaded for introduction into the country.

ART. 10. Anchorage, light, and health dues, and dues for loading and unloading, are abolished, as also those levied in certain places under the names of "Derechos de Castillo de San Anton," "Cofradio de San Telmo," and any others which at present are exacted from ships entering, stopping in, or leaving port, with the exception of the lazaret and quarantine dues mentioned in Art. 6, and those which have to be paid for private services freely asked for and freely given. The pilot service is regulated by the rules which the Minister of Marine prescribes or may prescribe.

ART. 11. The single tax on discharging cargo shall be collected by the Custom-house, and the products paid into the public treasury like those of the other general duties.

ART. 12. The whole of the charges and special taxes which, in accordance with the existing laws, are at present levied in some ports for the carrying out of works, shall be transformed into a proportional part of the new tax, and, added to the same, the Ministries of Finance and Public Works coming to the necessary agreement on the subject.

ART. 13. Materials of all classes imported from abroad for the construction, careening, or repair of iron or wooden ships of whatsoever tonnage, articles necessary for the fitting out of the same, and the materials introduced for the construction and repair of ships, engines, and boilers, of whatever system and power the said apparatus may be, shall pay the dues appointed by the Custom-house Regulations; but such dues shall be returned to the constructors and manufacturers, on their petitioning and proving that the said materials and articles were introduced for and used in the above-mentioned constructions and repairs of ships, engines, or boilers.

ART. 14. For the return of the dues, the weight or bulk of the materials or articles shall be valued, according to how they are marked in the Custom-house Regulations, by the weight or bulk used in the work done; so that the dues which belong to the waste or residue resulting from the construction or transformation when the

aid materials are applied to the above mentioned works, remain to the credit of the Finance Department.

ART. 15. An order issued for the purpose shall establish the rules which are to be followed for the return of the dues mentioned in the preceding Article.

Madrid, 22 November, 1868.

The Minister of Finance,
(Signed) LAUREANO FIGUEROLA.

(C. 1647.)

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
December 4, 1868.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copy and translation of a Notification, issued by the North German Confederation on the 18th ultimo, extending generally the provisions of the Zollverein Treaty of July 8, 1867, to certain parts of the Prussian territory mentioned in that Treaty, to the Grand-Duchies of Mecklenburgh Schwerin and Mecklenburgh Strelitz, to the Duchy of Lauenburg, to the Hanseatic town of Lübeck, and to a part of the territory of the Hanseatic town of Hamburg. The following is a translation of this Notification. :—

(Translation.)

PROCLAMATION touching the execution of Article 6 of the Zollverein Treaty of July 8, 1867. November 18, 1868.

Whereas the Presidency of the North German Confederation, by reason of the conditions of Article 6 of the Treaty between the North German Confederation, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Baden, and Hesse respecting the continuance of the Customs and Trade Union of July 8 of last year (Federal Laws, 1867, p. 81) has informed the Governments of the other contracting Powers that the reasons have ceased which excluded the complete application of this Treaty to certain parts of the Prussian country named in the above-mentioned Treaty, to the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburgh Schwerin and Mecklenburgh Strelitz, to the Duchy of Lauenburg, to the Hanseatic town, Lübeck, and to a part of the territory of the Hanseatic town of Hamburg. And whereas the resolutions of Articles 3 to 5 and 10 to 20 of the Treaty have come into activity in these towns and countries at the time determined by the Federal Council of the Zollverein, these resolutions are now valid in the whole of the North German Confederation, with the following exceptions :—

(a.) In Prussia :—The town of Altona, a portion of Wandsbeck and of the village of Marienthal, the seaport Geestemünde, the fortress Wilhelm in Bremerhaven, the islands in the Elbe of Altenwerder, Krusenbusch, Finkenwärder, Kattwiek, Hoheuschaar, Neuohof, and Wilhelmsburg, and the village of Aumund.

(b.) In Oldenburg :—The seaport town Brake.

(c.) The free town Bremen and its territory, exclusive of the Hollerländischen Ausserdeichsländereien, and the territory situated on the right bank of the Wumme and the left bank of the Ochum.

(d.) In the territory of the free town of Hamburg :—The town of Hamburg, the suburb St. Pauli, the districts Eimsbüttel, Rotherbaum, Harvestehude, Eppendorf, Winterhude, Eilbeck, Borgfelde, Hohenfelde, Hamm, Horn, the Elbe