

ART. 5. The owners of Spanish vessels may freely sell or mortgage them, either to Spaniards or foreigners; and for this purpose Article 592 of the Commercial Code is hereby abolished.

ART. 6. Ships may be manned with any number of seamen that their owners and captains may think necessary, according to Article 24, Division 10, of the "Ordenanzas do Matriculas," now in force, and to Articles 1 and 4 of the Royal Decree of 27th November, 1867. If, in a foreign port, the captain or owner should not find sufficient Spanish seamen to man his vessel, he may complete his crew with foreigners, with the consent of the Consul or Marine Authorities.

ART. 7. All kinds of materials, imported for the building, careening, or repairing of iron or wooden vessels, of whatever tonnage; manufactured effects necessary for the fitting out of the same; and materials imported for the construction and repairs of the machinery and boilers of steam vessels, of whatever system and power, shall pay the corresponding duties marked in the Customs Tariff; but the said duties shall be returned to the builders and manufacturers, on their demand, when they prove that the said materials and effects were imported for, and used in, the said construction or repairs of ships, machinery or boilers.

ART. 8. For the restitution of the dues, the value of the weight or volume of the materials or effects, as marked in the Tariff, shall be calculated by the weight or volume of the work done; so that the revenue may have the benefit of that part of the dues which may correspond to the waste resulting from the construction, or from the transformation of the said materials on their application to the said works.

ART. 9. Articles 387, 390, and 391 of the Philippine Customs Instructions are hereby abrogated.

Madrid, 29th December, 1868.

(Signed) ADELARDO LOPEZ DE AYALA,
The Minister of the Colonies.

(C. 146.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 28, 1869.*

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 Minister at Berne, reporting that the ratifications of the Treaty of Commerce between Austria and Switzerland have been exchanged.

This Treaty provides for the abolition, from the 1st instant, of the dues hitherto levied on merchandize in transit through the territory of the Swiss Confederation; a provision the benefit of which accrues equally to Great Britain in virtue of Article VIII. of the Treaty concluded between this country and Switzerland in 1855.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
January 28, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from Her Majesty's Minister in Persia, a translation of an Official Notification issued by the Persian Government, which removes the interdict temporarily imposed upon the exportation of silver coin from that country.

Queen's Commission.

2nd or Edmonton Royal Rifle Regiment of Middlesex Militia.

Allan Shafto Adair, Esq., late Captain 13th Foot, to be Adjutant, from the 17th November, 1868. Dated 1st December, 1868.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant Allan Shafto Adair, of the 2nd or Edmonton Royal Rifle Regiment of Middlesex Militia, to serve with the rank of Captain.

Commission signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the County of Cornwall.

Michael Henry Williams, Esq., to be Deputy Lieutenant. Dated 21st January, 1869.

Commission signed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

3rd Cinque Ports Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Arthur Havers to be Captain, vice Saunders, resigned. Dated 18th January, 1869.

Ensign John Scratton to be Lieutenant, vice Havers, promoted. Dated 18th January, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Durham.

2nd Durham Artillery Volunteer Corps.

William Sheridan to be First Lieutenant. Dated 18th January, 1869.

William Warham to be First Lieutenant. Dated 18th January, 1869.

1st Durham Engineer Volunteer Corps.

Joseph Thompson Dickinson to be Captain. Dated 18th January, 1869.

3rd Durham Rifle Volunteer Corps.

William Bramwell Ferguson to be Major, vice Gourley, promoted. Dated 14th January, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Glamorgan.

8th Glamorganshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Lieutenant Charles Nixon Gray to be Captain, vice Bruce, resigned. Dated 25th January, 1869.

Ensign George William Wilkinson to be Lieutenant, vice Gray, promoted. Dated 25th January, 1869.

Jabez Brown, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Wilkinson, promoted. Dated 25th January, 1869.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

6th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Edward Marsh, Esq., to be Captain. Dated 13th January, 1869.

William Ormsby Pooley, Gent., to be Lieutenant. Dated 13th January, 1869.

Edmund Southam Hunter, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 13th January, 1869.

MEMORANDUM.

Adjutant Sidney Henry Latimer Tinling Widdrington, of the 15th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps, to serve with the rank of Captain. Dated 21st July, 1868.