

giving the required sureties and entitling them to three per cent. on the sale; to this per centage on the sale of stamps public employes are not entitled.

ART. 11. The contribution styled "alienation tax" (alcabala de enajaciones) is henceforth abolished. Stamped paper will only be required to be used in judicial or administrative matters, registers, certificates, witness deeds, and other notarial Acts.

ART. 12. Notaries legalizing indentures in contravention of this law, shall be suspended from the exercise of their functions for a term of six months.

ART. 13. The stamp duty is different from that paid in Custom-houses under the name of paper for documents.

ART. 14. Administrators of Custom-houses are not to permit that paper to be issued for manifests, policies, &c., without the corresponding stamp, they being responsible for double the amount where and whenever papers of this class are without the required stamp.

ART. 15. In cases in which the stamp is paid at the rate of so much per hundred, a stamp of ten cents for fractions above twenty sols has to be affixed.

ART. 16. The following documents are exempted from the stamp duty:—

1st. Attestations or certified copies issued by public notaries.

2nd. Judicial trusts.

3rd. Cancellation of public and private documents whereon the stamp duty has been paid at the time of issue.

4th. Contracts or accounts in which the State is the debtor.

5th. Accounts and invoices respecting consignments of guano.

6th. Leases and dockets, not being principal documents.

7th. Letters of payment and all receipts for money not especially set forth in this Law, order-letters, when simple recommendations, not producing obligations.

8th. Receipts for good accounts to public employes or pensioners of the State.

9th. Passage tickets of public employes travelling on service, and those by prisoners, whose expenses for passage are paid for by the State. And—

10th. Indentures of sale effected within the Republic on property abroad; but not so the receipt for the amount paid over on account of the obligation on the balance remaining to be paid.

ART. 17. The sum total of the estimates of employes, and the lists or plans made for the payment of artisans and labourers, is to be considered as one receipt only for the payment of stamps.

ART. 18. In the absence of stamped paper, common paper may be used, with the corresponding stamps heading the document.

ART. 19. The executive is authorized to take steps deemed to be necessary in order to avoid all frauds that might be committed with respect to this Law.

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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 8, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

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from Her Majesty's Minister at Madrid, a translation of a Decree issued by the Spanish Government on the 26th February last.

In virtue of this Decree British vessels coming from British India are entitled to national treatment in respect of the payment of port and navigation dues in the Spanish Colonies.

(C. 489.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 8, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received intelligence through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, that cholera has entirely disappeared in the Persian Provinces adjoining the Ottoman territory, and that in consequence the Board of Health has removed the quarantine restrictions which were enforced along the Turco-Persian frontier.

War Office, Pall Mall,

9th April, 1869.

9th Regiment of Foot, Ensign Harry Gardner, from the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment, to be Ensign, vice J. Gordon, transferred to the 89th Foot. Dated 1st April, 1869:

10th Foot, Ensign Malcolm Wilson, from the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment, to be Ensign, vice H. Paget, transferred to the 18th Hussars. Dated 1st April, 1869.

95th Foot, Ensign Arthur Montagu Bowles, from the Ceylon Rifle Regiment, to be Ensign, vice Watt, transferred to the 21st Hussars. Dated 1st April, 1869.

1st West India Regiment, Lieutenant Francis Langford, from the 4th West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice J. W. Arrowsmith, promoted to Captain on half-pay. Dated 1st April, 1869.

Cape Mounted Riflemen, Ensign Morton Frederick Thrupp, from the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment, to be Ensign, vice Collins, promoted. Dated 1st April, 1869.

Half-Pay, Brevet-Colonel Richard Jenkins' promotion to Major was without purchase, not with purchase, as stated in Gazette of 2nd instant.

Admiralty, 8th April, 1869.

Lieutenant Francis William Lowther has this day been promoted to the rank of Commander in Her Majesty's Fleet.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT, 1866.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have appointed Kester Edward Knight, Esq., to be Assistant Visiting Surgeon at Portsmouth, under the above-mentioned Act.