

Now, therefore, Her Majesty in Council is pleased hereby to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the twenty-third day of August next:

And Her Majesty is further pleased to direct that this Order be forthwith published in the London Gazette; and that copies thereof be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation one month before the said twenty-third day of August.

Arthur Helps.

Windsor Castle, July 9, 1869.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on William Tite, Esq., M.P., F.R.S.

Windsor Castle, July 9, 1869.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on Thomas Duffus Hardy, Esq., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

Windsor Castle, July 9, 1869.

The Queen was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood on James Meek, Esq., sometime Lord Mayor of York.

Foreign Office, July 5, 1869.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Robert Thomas Charles Middleton, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Rio de Janeiro, to be Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the United States of Venezuela.

Foreign Office, July 9, 1869.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. Albert D. Shaw as Consul at Toronto, and of Mr. John S. Kunnels as Consul at Tunstall, for the United States of America.

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

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, copies of despatches from Lieutenant-Colonel Stokes, R.E., British Commissioner in the Danube, forwarding the documents, of which copies are subjoined.

No. 1.

PROVISIONS
MODIFYING THE DUES FOR RIVER PILOTAGE.

(Translation.)

The European Commission of the Danube—Considering Article 112 of the Regulations of Navigation and Police applicable to the Lower Danube, dated November 2, 1865; also the new Provisions relative to Pilotage, dated 16th April, 1868, modifying Article 78 of the aforesaid Regulations of Navigation and Police;

Whereas experience has shown the inconvenience of the mode of taxation in proportion to tonnage established by the new Article 78 for the remuneration of pilots of the river service;

Whereas this proportional due, the application of which is justified for vessels of considerable tonnage, produces but insufficient remuneration for the pilots charged to conduct small vessels;

Whereas the choice of pilot being left in most cases to the captain of the piloted vessel, it is impossible to divide the task among the pilots in a manner to ensure to all about an equal income;

Enacts the following provisions:—

ARTICLE 1.

Article 78 of the Regulation of Navigation and Police, annexed to the Public Act relating to the navigation of the mouths of the Danube, dated November 2, 1865, as modified by the new provisions of the 16 April, 1868, is repealed, excepting the first paragraph, which shall remain in force in its present tenor, and is replaced by the following provisions:

With regard to the compulsory pilotage of the voyage down the stream, its dues is fixed as follows:

Sailing vessels of more than sixty tons, and not exceeding one hundred and fifty tons, will pay:—

For the passage from Galatz, or from a port situated above this point to Sulina, one hundred and ten francs;

For the passage from Reni or Ismail to Sulina, ninety francs; and,

For the passage from Toultscha to Sulina, sixty francs.

Sailing vessels of more than one hundred and fifty tons and not exceeding two hundred and fifty tons, will pay—

For the passage from Galatz, or from a port situated above this point, to Sulina, one hundred and twenty-five francs;

For the passage from Reni or from Ismail to Sulina, one hundred francs; and,

For the passage from Toultscha to Sulina, seventy-five francs.

Sailing vessels of more than two hundred and fifty tons will pay:

For the passage from Galatz, or from a port situated above this point, to Sulina, fifty centimes per register ton;

For the passage from Reni or from Ismail to Sulina, forty centimes per ton; and,

For the passage from Toultscha to Sulina, thirty centimes per ton.

Steam vessels will only pay the half of these dues, and those which perform their voyages between the ports of the Danube and the ports of the Black Sea or of the Bosphorus, may be exempted, provided that the pilot on board be furnished with a licence as a river pilot.

The chief pilot of the river service deducts from the amount of the due paid by each sailing vessel a sum determined as follows:

Three francs for vessels of more than sixty tons and not exceeding one hundred and fifty tons:

Four francs for vessels of more than one hundred fifty tons, and not exceeding two hundred and fifty tons;

And two centimes per ton for vessels of more than two hundred and fifty tons.

This deduction is only one-half upon the pilotage due paid by steam vessels, but it is effected also for those of this class of vessels of which the pilots are permanently engaged, and which are exempted from the payment of the said due.

The surplus of the dues belongs to the pilots.

These dues are paid into the hands of the Director of the Navigation Cash Office at Sulina,