

respecting exhibitions of Portuguese wines in foreign markets.

The following are the Articles of the Decree :—

ART. 1. Official exhibitions of Portuguese wines are to be held in foreign markets, to which all wine growers and merchants that shall comply with the rules laid down in this Decree shall be admitted.

ART. 2. The Government, by means of the Consuls, or of other proper agents, shall establish wine depôts in the markets which may be selected for that purpose.

§ These depôts shall be placed in appropriate buildings, in order that they may be accessible to the public, and they shall be open on fixed days and hours.

ART. 3. In the depôts there shall be general lists of the wines kept there, giving all the details relative to their origin and price, which lists may be examined by the public.

ART. 4. The sale and tasting of the samples of the wines in the depôts shall be regulated by special instructions to be given to the agents of those depôts.

ART. 5. The agents of the depôts shall keep a regular account of the entrance and clearance of wines, and at the end of every quarter they shall forward to the Government an account of the operations effected in the depôts, and, at the end of each year, a full report shall be made of the results obtained from the establishments under their charge.

ART. 6. The proceeds of the samples of wines shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of the said depôts; and the managers thereof shall receive 7 per cent. upon the value of the wine sold through their intervention.

ART. 7. The samples of wines that shall not have been withdrawn at the expiration of two years from the date of their entrance into the depôts, shall be sold by public auction, and the proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of the said depôts.

ART. 8. The Government shall cause two stations to be established, one at Lisbon and the other at Oporto, where the samples of wines which the wine growers and merchants wish to send to the foreign depôts shall be received.

ART. 9. The growers or merchants wishing to avail themselves of the advantages offered by this Decree must submit to the following conditions :—

1. A sample of wine to be sent to the foreign depôt shall consist of 12 bottles of half a canada each (0·7 litre), eight of which shall be forwarded to the said markets and four shall be reserved for the purpose stated hereinafter.

2. The bottles to be well corked and sealed, and to have a label mentioning—

(a.) The name of the grower or merchant, and his place of residence;

(b.) The estate (quinta) or place where the wine was produced, and the year of the vintage;

(c.) The price of the wine;

(d.) The quantity for sale;

(e.) Up to what time can he engage to execute an order.

3. The bottles shall be marked with an official stamp when received at the stations, and a proper receipt shall be handed over to the owners.

4. Should any doubts be raised with regard to the identity of the wine supplied by any grower or merchant in the execution of any order, the purchaser shall have the right of rejecting the same, in case the wine should be found to be,

after examination by experts, either defective or inferior in quality to the sample; and, in this case, should the owner of the wine not dispose of the same within a fixed period, the manager of the depôt shall cause the same to be sold by public auction for the account of the owner, deducting the commission, and three per cent. more for the expenses of the depôt.

5. The transmission of wine to the foreign depôts shall be made at stated periods, after due notice shall have been given in the official journal.

ART. 10. The Government shall publish at the end of every quarter an account of the operations carried on at the Lisbon and Oporto stations, with full details and particulars thereof.

ART. 11. The four bottles of wine over and above the other eight to be sent to the foreign depôts, shall be forwarded to the "General Agricultural Institution."

§ 1. One of these bottles shall be used for the purpose of examining and analysing the wine contained therein, the others shall be kept for the purpose of forming a collection of national wines.

§ 2. The results of this examination and analysis shall be published officially, and a few copies of this publication shall be forwarded to the foreign depôts.

ART. 12. The Government does not take upon itself any responsibility for the transactions which may be made for the purchase or sale of the wines through the intervention of the managers of the depôts, and all the parties interested shall remain subject to the legal enactments in force respecting commercial acts, whether internal or international.

ART. 13. The necessary expenses incurred for the purpose of carrying out the exhibitions of Portuguese wines referred to in this Decree shall be defrayed, after the sanction of the Cortes shall have been obtained, out of the surplus revenue derived from the fees recovered in the Consulates of the 1st class.

ART. 14. The Government shall draw up the regulations and adopt the necessary measures in order to secure and develop the advantages and benefits which ought to accrue to commerce and agriculture from the said exhibitions.

The Minister and Secretary of State for the Department of Public Works, Commerce, and Industry, and, ad interim, for Foreign Affairs, shall cause the same to be carried into execution accordingly.

India Office, 1st March, 1871.

HER Majesty has been pleased to approve of the following admissions to the Staff Corps, made by the Governments in India :—

BENGAL STAFF CORPS.

To be Captain.

Captain George Ward Chichele Plowden, 21st Hussars. Dated 6th May, 1865.

To be Lieutenants.

Lieutenant George Fearon Thorp, 19th Regiment. Dated 28th September, 1866.

Lieutenant John Briscoe Watts, 1st Regiment. Dated 9th February, 1867.

Lieutenant Lorn Robert Hope Dick Campbell, 19th Regiment. Dated 20th January, 1868.

Lieutenant Thomas Francis Hobday, 12th Regiment. Dated 24th July, 1868.

Lieutenant John Francis James Miller, 19th Regiment. Dated 8th September, 1868.