

that mentioned in Art. 2. Those who come in on account of "force majeure," duly proved and appreciated by the Customs' authorities, are not liable to the penalties established in Arts. 2, 3, and 4, the Captains being obliged to draw up and present the general manifest within the time that may be given to them.

Art. 5. When packages or cargoes of tobacco, woven goods, and colonial produce (sugar, cocoa, coffee, cinnamon, cloves, pepper, and tea), are declared in the manifest as consisting of other goods, in agreement with the statements in the bills of lading, a fine of from five to ten times the duty will be inflicted. For this penalty the consignees of the goods are responsible, and the captains or masters shall only be answerable when, in drawing up their manifest, they depart from what the shippers have stated in the bills of lading.

Art. 6. The gross weight declared in the manifest shall serve as a basis for the operations, and the plus or minus differences, if they exceed 10 per cent., shall be punished as if they occurred in the nett weight, according to cases 2 and 3 of Art. 209 of the Ordinances. The consignees of goods shall pay if the bills of lading and manifest agree, and the captain if he has departed from the statements in the bills of lading.

Art. 7. Woven goods and clothes shall preserve the Custom-house stamp known as "Sello de Marchamo" for circulating throughout and remaining in the whole nation. Colonial produce (sugar, cocoa, coffee, cinnamon, cloves, pepper, and tea) must be accompanied by a cocket issued by an authorised administration for their circulation throughout the Fiscal Zone.

When woven goods and the other merchandize mentioned in this Article are seized and found wanting in any of the requirements set forth, or with the stamps tampered with, or out of date, or with emendations in the cockets, a fine shall be inflicted of from five to ten times the duty; or the penalties for fraud shall be imposed according as the discovery be made within or outside of a Custom-house boundary.

Art. 8. According to the provisions of the penal law, besides the employés and armed forces and institutions whose special duty it is to prevent contraband and fraud, and to give every kind of assistance for the apprehension of the offenders, authorization to take measures to guard against the commission of those crimes is given to the authorities and volunteers of the Republic, who shall for such services receive the rewards mentioned in Appendix 4 to the Ordinances, viz., the value of the goods seized, or amount of the fines imposed, when both goods and offenders are captured, and the same, after deducting the tariff dues, when the goods alone are captured.

Art. 9. The first part of Art. 292 of the Ordinances shall receive the following addition:—

The captains of vessels coming from the said countries (the Spanish colonies) shall come provided with the manifest mentioned in Art. 46, visé by the Custom-house at the starting point.

Art. 10. Spanish Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents abroad, the administrators of Colonial Custom-houses, and the "Interventores de los Registros" at the free ports, will not place their visa on the manifests presented to them if they are not drawn up in conformity with Art. 46 of the Ordinances, and they shall make a note, authorised by their signature and stamp, of any remarks, mistakes, or emendations in the said manifests, and they shall render useless the lines that remain without having been written on, so as to prevent abuses. They shall keep a register,

in which they shall enter with co-relative numeration the manifests on which they place their visa, stating the name, class, nationality, and tonnage of the vessel, the name of the captain or master, the place of destination, and the generic class of goods forming the cargo; and they shall necessarily send advice to the Direction-General of Customs, by the post of the same day on which they hand over the manifest to the captain, on which manifest they shall place the number corresponding thereto, according to the said register. These functionaries shall receive such fees as may be fixed by the Ministry of State.

Art. 11. Cases 1 and 2 of Art. 207 of the Ordinances are abolished, and all those which are opposed to these enactments are suppressed or modified.

Art. 12. The Direction-General of Customs is authorised to reduce or entirely remit the fine of 1,000 pesetas mentioned in Art 2 of this Decree, and those mentioned in cases 3, 4, and 12 of Art. 207 of the Ordinances.

Art. 13. Before putting these orders in force the following spaces of time are allowed to be counted from the day of publication in the Madrid Gazette; one month for vessels from Europe, Asia, and Africa, in the Mediterranean, Africa, in the Atlantic as far as Cape Mogador, and the Canaries; three months for vessels from Cuba, Porto Rico, and the other American ports in the Atlantic, from Greenland to the Gulf of Mexico, inclusive; four months for vessels from all other parts of the globe.

This Decree shall be applied after one month as regards circulation in the Fiscal Zone and in the Interior.

Madrid, 30th May, 1873.

The President of the Government of the Republic—

(Signed) ESTANISLAO FIGUERAS.

The Minister of Finance—

JUAN TUTAN.

The Government of the Republic has thought fit to issue the following Decree:—

(Translation.)

#### DECREE.

1. The orders mentioned in Articles from 1 to 6, and in the others relating thereto, of the Decree of 30th May, are not binding until 30th August next, as to captains coming from ports in the Ionian Sea, the Adriatic, the Archipelago, the Sea of Marmora, the Black Sea, the Sea of Azof, the North Sea, the Irish Sea, the Baltic, and the White Sea.

2. They will also not be binding, until 30th October next, upon vessels from Cuba, Porto Rico, and the other American ports between Greenland and the Gulf of Mexico inclusive.

3. These extended terms and the others mentioned in Art. 13 of the Decree of 30th May, shall be understood to have reference to the date of arrival in the ports of Spain, and not to the date of sailing from foreign ports.

Madrid, 18th June, 1873.

(Signed) F. PI Y MARGALL.

The Minister of Finance,

F. M. LADICO.

War Office, Pall Mall,

11th July, 1873.

Army Hospital Corps, Apothecary to the Forces.  
Ferdinand Fernandez to be Captain of Orderlies.  
Dated 25th June, 1873.