

which may happen to be necessary for the institution of the said competitions. Consequently, each of the aforesaid Academies will have to appoint a Committee fit to decide upon the grant of the rewards annexed to the two competitions, which are to embrace the following branches:—

1. Mechanics.
2. Agriculture.
3. Physics and Chemistry.
4. Travels by sea or by land.
5. Literature.

The object of the Committee must be to give the preference to whomsoever among the competitors that shall have advanced the sciences by the discovery of new and simple appliances, and this refers to mechanics, physics, chemistry, and agriculture; in regard to travels by sea and by land, whoever has distinguished himself by a long journey by land and by sea, or has been able to make propositions fitting to diminish the dangers inherent in the present systems should have the preference; in default of inventors and distinguished travellers, the Committee will turn its attention to the most distinguished publications of original works, or at least of translations from other languages of works upon the above-mentioned sciences and travels, including literature, that is:—mechanics, agriculture, physics, chemistry, travels by land and by sea, and literature. Moreover the decisions of the Committee must be considered as final. The competitions, as I have said, are to be two in every year, and they are to begin one year after each of the above-mentioned Academies shall have received its own third part according to this present disposition.

Only natives of the country are to be admitted to the said competitions, therefore only native English by the Academy of London, French by that of Paris, and Austrian Germans by that of Vienna (I say again Austrian Germans).

If my mother should outlive me and have any claim on my estate I beg her to renounce it, but in case she should wish to enforce it she can do so, so far as she may by force of law, upon the patrimony renounced by me, diminished, however, by the equivalent of the annual provision in her favour as above. I declare that my personal effects, the furniture that I may have at the time of my death, and the books are not included in the above disposition. I leave them to the exclusive disposal of the Academy of Vienna, in order that, as regards the effects and furniture, the proceeds of their sale may be added to the third part of my patrimony which falls to its share, and as to the books, that they may be added to its own library or any other in Vienna which shall be chosen by it for public use.

Referring here to the deficiency of German books which will be found in my library, I will state that it has not been from aversion to that language that I have not provided myself with them, but from the impossibility of my learning it on account of ill health or the cares of life, and a proof of this will be found in the various translations from the said language, which will be met with among my aforesaid books. I declare that I am not at enmity with any one, and that from a principle of education well rooted in me I have never done or said evil to or of any one, wherefore I believe I have no enemies, but if I have made any I beg them to observe that it is without my knowledge and therefore to forgive me.

I declare, finally, that I wish to every one the greatest possible amount of welfare, but especially to my nearest relations, and that I have made the above-mentioned dispositions in the firm persuasion that every one of my said relations is in a sufficiently independent position, and to carry out in some degree the ideas which I have always

cherished in the course of my life, by which, besides the particular benefit of my family, I have always wished to be able to do good to many, but have been, by various circumstances, prevented.

I have made this, my present testament, in haste certainly, but with clear and free mind, as the true and inmost expression of my last will, and all in my own hand.

GIROLAMO PONTI, son of the late Signor Guiseppe, and of the still living Signora Maria Antonia Longhi, both natives of Gallarate.

Addition.—I leave to the Local Tribunal the charge of appointing an upright and able person for the execution of my above-expressed will, notifying that the present writing will be found in a closed cover, with four seals in red sealing-wax. I say again four seals in red sealing-wax, of which three are outside and one inside, all bearing the initials of my name and surname, G. P., in Gothic characters. [* See the end.]

GIROLAMO PONTI, son of the late Signor Guiseppe, as above.

Second addition to my testamentary dispositions.

I notify that in the above-mentioned testamentary dispositions all the increments are to be considered as included which may have accrued to the time of my death from the fund of my present patrimony only (5th January, 1856). Any other acquisition, whether from maternal inheritance or otherwise, and the proceeds thereof, shall be considered as disposed of, as I now dispose of them, in favour of the Grand Hospital of Vienna, capital of the Austrian Empire, in order that they may be profitably employed, and in the most secure manner possible, in augmentation of its present endowment. The present addition is also made by me with fully clear and free mind; and I subscribe myself

GIROLAMO PONTI, son of the late Signor Guiseppe, and of the still living Signora Maria Antonia Longhi, as above.

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A true Office Copy,
(Signed) LANDRIANI, Secretary.

Stamp
of the Milan
Court of
Appeal.

(H. 5769).

Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, September 21, 1874.

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Lisbon, transmitting a copy of a Royal Decree issued by the Portuguese Government fixing the amount of Sanitary Dues and Fees payable by ships anchoring or performing quarantine in any port of the Portuguese Colonies in Africa, and at Macao and Timor.

A copy of the translation is annexed:—

(Translation.)

From the Official Journal, "Diario do Governo,"
of 8th September, 1874.

ROYAL DECREE.

Whereas it is expedient to determine wha