

And whereas the said scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council; now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said scheme, and to order and direct that the same, and every part thereof, shall take effect immediately from and after the time when the same shall have been registered as hereinafter directed, and shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Act; and Her Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the diocese of Lichfield.

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*Foreign-Office, August 11, 1837.*

A DISPATCH, dated the 2d June 1837, has been received by the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, G.C.B. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, from the Honourable Charles Ashburnham, Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Mexico, transmitting a Proclamation of the Mexican Government, of which the following is a translation:

**PROCLAMATION.**

The President of the Mexican Republic to the Inhabitants thereof; know, that the 68th article of the general tariff of the maritime and frontier custom-houses, declaring that the said tariff should not begin to take its full effect until six months after its publication in this capital, was dictated for the benefit of commerce, with the important object of regulating that of all nations upon a footing of perfect equality; and consequently, provided that this just principle be observed, all those regulations of the said tariff which are notoriously favourable to commerce in general, as stimulating speculation, and as destructive of fraudulent traffick, as pernicious to the public good as to commerce itself, may immediately come into operation, and be observed; and, in order that commerce may, as soon as possible, enjoy the aforesaid advantages, I have thought fit to Decree as follows:

Art. 1. From the date of the publication of this Decree, in every port or place where there are maritime or frontier custom-houses, those articles of the general tariff of the 11th March last, which hereinafter shall be enumerated, shall begin to be observed, maritime custom-houses being bound to

observe all, and those of the frontier such as apply to them.

Art. 2. The articles of the new tariff which shall immediately come into operation, at the aforesaid custom-houses, according to the terms of the foregoing article, are the following:

First. The second article, which lowers the amount of tonnage duties.

Second. The 3d and 4th articles, which accords to ships after taking on board their cargoes, to proceed to another port with the view to ship produce of the country which is exempt from duty, and which (articles) prescribe the formalities under which this concession is to be made use of.

Third. The 20th and 21st articles relative to the cessation, in ordinary cases, of the custom of placing a permanent guard of tidesmen (celadores) on board: relative to the guards keeping watch, by rounds, at a distance, and to its being the duty of the officer commanding the tidesmen, or of the Custom-house officers, to seal up the hatchways and bulk-heads of the vessel.

Fourth. The 23d article, which imposes penalties upon any person who fraudently may break the seals; but this article shall be expressly and formally notified to the master of the ship by the officer commanding the tidesmen, or the Custom-house officer, on his coming on board to take the manifests.

Fifth. The 44th article, relative to the regulations to be observed with regard to applications for passing the cargo.

Sixth. The 45th article, which names the Custom-house functionaries, whose duty it is to attend at the passing of the goods.

Seventh. The 56th article, by which it is provided that Mexican Consuls and Vice-Consuls shall forward to the Custom-house statements of prices-current, which shall be made use of in the way pointed out in the 57th article, when the tariff comes into force in all its parts.

Eighth. The 66th article, which regulates the examination of goods in the Custom-houses.

Ninth. The 91st article, which imposes penalties on masters of ships, or supercargoes, in every case of making trans-shipment of goods to another vessel, or permitting it on board their own; but this article shall be expressly and formally notified to the captains, or supercargoes, by the officer commanding the tidesmen upon their coming on board.

Tenth. The 92d article, which fixes the legal hours for shipping or unshipping cargoes; but the noti-