

ART. II.

Steam vessels belonging to a public Company specially appropriated to the transport of passengers, and making periodical voyages according to a time bill published beforehand shall pay each time on leaving the river a fixed toll of fifty centimes per ton register, whether the lading is full or partial.

This due shall be calculated on the total tonnage of the vessel, after making a deduction for the space occupied by engines and coal bunkers.

The deduction shall amount to 37 per cent. for paddle-wheel steamers and 32 per cent. for screw steamers.

It shall be effected only after the conversion of the vessel's tonnage into English register tons, as prescribed in Article XIII following.

These vessels will be free from all dues on entering the river.

ART. III.

All merchant steam vessels others than those mentioned in the preceding Article, shall be subjected to the same dues as sailing vessels, with the exception of the deduction on account of engines and coals, which shall be equally effected upon their total tonnage in accordance with the bases established in the preceding Article.

The amount of the fixed dues per ton register which these vessels will have to pay shall be regulated according as they ascend the river above Sulina or not, in conformity with the above Tables, after the deduction guaranteed therein by the first paragraph of the present Article.

ART. IV.

Merchant vessels propelled either by sail or steam, other than those mentioned in Article II., which shall enter the port of Sulina from the sea, and which shall have according to their manifest more than a third of their lading, shall pay for entering the river, the fourth part of the due imposed on them for the outward passage, according to the above Articles I and III.

This entrance due shall not be paid by them until they leave the river.

Should, however, the said vessels leave the river with less than a third of their lading, they will in this case have to pay for their entrance the full amount of the dues fixed by Articles I and III.

ART. V.

Lighters chartered for the passage of the Sulina bar by vessels which shall have paid the dues fixed by the preceding Articles, shall pay for each passage made with a full or partial lading only the following tolls, namely:—

Lighters of 10 to 50 tons burden, six francs;

Those of more than 50 tons burden, and not exceeding 100 tons, eight francs;

And those of more than 100 tons burden twelve francs.

ART. VI.

Vessels remaining at anchor in the Sulina roads to load or unload the whole or part of their cargo, shall not be subjected to the dues established by the preceding Articles. They shall only pay an uniform due of one hundred francs

each vessel, towards covering the expenses of the establishments from which they derive actual benefit.

Lighters chartered to transport across the mouth the cargo of the said vessels, shall pay for every passage across the bar with whole or partial lading, a fixed due of one franc per ton on their total tonnage.

Steam lighters shall be allowed the deduction on their tonnage mentioned in Article II preceding, in calculating the dues they will have to pay.

ART. VII.

Rafts and floats of timber not exceeding 100 feet English in length, by 40 feet English in breadth, shall pay, on leaving the river, if towed, a fixed due of 100 francs per raft.

This due shall be increased to 300 francs for every raft or float of timber not towed, of whatever dimensions it may be. And also for such rafts or floats as exceed 100 feet in length by 40 in breadth.

ART. VIII.

Vessels of war are free of all dues, both on entering and on leaving the port of Sulina.

ART. IX.

Vessels of more than 60 tons register, which shall enter the port of Sulina and leave the same with less than a third of their full lading, and which are freed in consequence from the dues established by Articles I, III, and IV preceding, will have to pay on leaving the river a toll of 50 centimes per ton for light and pilotage dues.

Sea going vessels engaged temporarily in the lighter service will have to pay this same toll, independently of the due of one franc per ton mentioned in the second clause of Art. VI.

Sea going vessels, or lighters, seeking shelter in the port of Sulina, from bad weather, or putting into repair damages, and those which shall be obliged, in consequence of any accident whatever, to take refuge in the port, and shall be unable to continue their voyage, shall be free from all dues, provided that they put to sea again, without engaging in any mercantile transactions.

ART. X.

The dues fixed by the preceding Articles shall comprise the tax imposed on vessels to cover the expenses of works and other improvements carried out by the European Commission.

The dues actually in force for the maintenance of the light-houses composing the system of lights for the Danube mouths, and the dues intended to cover the expenses of the pilot service for the Sulina entrance and of the other establishments instituted with a view to facilitate the navigation.

In addition to these dues, vessels shall not be subject to any other tax or charge whatever, except for the hire of the river pilots for the down voyage, which they will have to pay in conformity with the following Article.