Customs-district, or arrive here from such a place, are therefore, from the 1st July, not subject to the payment of toll.

The new Elbe-toll for all articles, which are not enumerated in the list of the second or third class or in that of the articles exempted from tolls, amounts to *sixteen silber-pfennige* (1 silbergroschen 4 pfennige, or 1⅜d. sterling per centner*), gross weight.

For those articles which will in future belong to the second class (viz., those which belonged to the class hitherto paying $\frac{1}{10}$ of the normal rate, as well as lie of all sorts, saltpetre of all sorts, and petroleum), the Elbe-toll will be *eight silber-pfennige* (8 *pfe.*, or 0⅝d. sterling);

And for such articles as in future will belong to the third class (viz., those belonging to the class hitherto paying $\frac{1}{40}$th of the normal rate, as also salt of every kind excepting sodden), the toll will be *two silber pfennige* (2 *pfge.* or 0⅛d. sterling) for one centner, gross weight.

Ships which touch the Customs-district at Wittenberge, will have to exhibit to *each* of the two Elbe-toll Offices (to the *United Elbe-toll Office* for Austria, Prussia, Saxony, Anhalt, and Hamburg, and to the *common Elbe toll office* for Hanover, Denmark, and Mecklenburg), the original manifest, and will have to deliver a correct copy of the same.

Moreover, such ships which are destined for a place *below Wittenberge*, from whatever place they come, have, at the place of discharge, to deliver their original manifest to the proper authorities; and moreover, such ships which sail from places *below Wittenberge* must, as heretofore, have their manifests attested.

Except in the above-mentioned cases, the granting and delivering of manifests hitherto requisite for the Elbe-navigation, will be discontinued after the 1st of July next, as also as a matter of course the obligation of the ships to report themselves at the hitherto existing Elbe-toll offices, excepting at Wittenberge, will cease when the new Elbe-toll regulations come into operation.

With reference to the transition from the hitherto existing Elbe-toll system to the new one, the following *transitory regulations* will come into operation according to an agreement between the Elbe-bordering States.

"Those ships and rafts which have *before the 1st of July next* paid the toll at the hitherto existing toll offices according to the existing regulations, if they should on or after the 1st July next on the same voyage pass the Customs-district at Wittenberge, will only be obliged to pay the toll leviable there, in so far as the same amounts to a larger sum than the toll paid already by them on the same voyage according to the old rates."

"Those ships and rafts, however, which pass Wittenberge before the 1st of July next, but do not conclude the voyage before that day or after it, have to report themselves at the last of the hitherto existing Elbe-toll offices, which they touch on their voyage, and to pay in addition the Wittenberge Elbe-toll according to the rates fixed in the Convention, in so far as they have not already paid an equal sum for Elbe-tolls or more on the entire voyage."

Hamburg, 11th June, 1863.

* 1 centner = 110¼lbs. avps.

Board of Trade, Whitehall, June 27, 1863.

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a French Imperial Decree, fixing, as follows, the Customs Import Duties on the undermentioned articles :—

Porcelain of all kinds manufactured in Japan and China, and imported directly from either of those countries	10 per cent ad val., decimes included.
Nankin of India — imported from the country of production in French ships	1f. 00c. per kilo.
Nankin of India — from elsewhere	1 25 „
Nankin of India — in Foreign vessels	1 25 „
Carpets manufactured in Turkey and other Oriental countries	15 per cent ad val., decimes included.
Tissues of Cashmere hair, manufactured by hand in non-European countries, however imported	5 per cent ad val., decimes included.
Tissues of Silk (foulards, plain or printed,) of Indian manufacture, whencesoever and however imported	Free.
Tissues of Silk other than foulards or crapes, of India or any non-European country, imported—	
From the country of production, in French vessels	Free.
From elsewhere	0f. 25c. per kilo.
In Foreign vesssels	0 25 „
Prepared Skins—	
Parchment raw or dressed	Free.
Perfumed leather of calf skin, known as Russian leather — imported in French vessels ...	80f. 00c. per 100 kilos.
Perfumed leather of calf skin, known as Russian leather — in Foreign vessels or by land ...	86 50 decimes included per 100 kilos.
Tanned leather, simply tanned for soles or for other purposes — Pigskin	200f. 00c. per 100 kilos.
Tanned leather, simply tanned for soles or for other purposes — others — large	45 00 „
Tanned leather, simply tanned for soles or for other purposes — others — small	120 00 „
Curried ... — for the tops, fronts, and backs, &c., of boots ...	200 00 „
Curried ... — others	100 00 „
Prepared with alum — Hungarian tanned	40 00 „
Prepared with alum — tawed	50 00 „

Only skins weighing less than one kilogramme, will be considered as small skins.