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*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
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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 Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, containing the following instructions, which have been issued by the Treasury of the United States, in regard to trade in the Southern States:—

*Treasury Department,
Washington, June 27.*

The various rules and regulations heretofore prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, in regard to Southern trade, having been rendered nugatory, in whole or in part, by the changed condition of affairs in the Southern States, and executive orders and proclamations, and the War Department having assumed charge of freedmen, abandoned lands, &c., under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1865, the following instructions, as to the duties of officers of the Treasury Department in the premises are prescribed, and will be regarded as in full force and effect immediately on receipt thereof, by any officer whose action is in anywise affected thereby:

First. All restrictions on commercial intercourse in and with states and parts of states heretofore declared in insurrection, and on the purchase, transportation, and sale of the products thereof, are removed, except as to the transportation thereto or therein of arms, ammunition, articles from which ammunition is made, gray uniforms and gray cloth, and except also those relating to property heretofore purchased by the agents, or captured by, or surrendered to, the military forces of the United States. Nor will any fees or taxes

be charged or collected except those imposed by the customs and internal revenue laws; and the supervision necessary to prevent the shipment of the prohibited articles will be exercised only by the regular and ordinary officers of the customs, acting under the revenue laws of the United States.

Second. Subordinate officers discharging duties in regard to commercial intercourse under the regulations referred to, will consider their official connections with this department terminating with the 30th instant, without further notice.

Third. Agents for the purchase of products of the insurrectionary States, on Government account, will close their official business east of the Mississippi river with the transactions of the 13th instant, and west of it with the transactions of the 24th instant, returning to sellers all property or money received or collected since those dates respectively, and using such dispatch in the premises that their connection with the department may, if possible, terminate with the 30th instant.

Fourth. Officers of this department charged with the duty of receiving and collecting, or having in their possession or under their control, captured, abandoned, or confiscable personal property, will dispose of the same in accordance with regulations on the subject heretofore prescribed at the earliest time consistent with the public interests, and will refrain from receiving such from military or naval authorities after the 30th instant. This will not be construed, however, as interfering with the operations of the agents now engaged in receiving or collecting the property recently captured by or surrendered to the forces of the United States, whether or not covered by or included in the records, &c., delivered to the United States military or treasury authorities by rebel military officers or cotton agents. Those so acting will continue to discharge the duties thus imposed, until such property is all received or satisfactorily accounted for, and until the amount so secured is shipped or otherwise disposed of under the regulations on the subject heretofore prescribed; and they will use all the means at their command, with the utmost vigour, to the end that all the property so collected, captured, or turned over, shall be secured to the United States with the least possible cost and delay. After the 30th instant, the duty of receiving captured and abandoned property, not embraced in the above exception, will be discharged by the usual and regular officers of the customs at the several places where they may be located, in accordance with the regulations relating to the subject; and officers heretofore performing that duty will give them all the aid and information in their power to enable them to carry out the same.

Fifth. Officers of this department, charged with the care or supervision of, or having in their possession or under their control, any abandoned or confiscable lands, houses, or tenements, will turn them over to a duly authorized officer of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, so far as they may be required or demanded by the same, together with all moneys, books, records, and papers arising from or relating to the property so turned over, taking proper receipts or vouchers therefor. This rule will also govern the actions of all agents of this department connected in any way with the care of freedmen, &c., so far as it may be applicable; and all persons asking for any information in regard to the property so turned over, or for the release of the same, or for the release of any moneys or proceeds arising therefrom, will be referred to the Commissioner of Refugees, Freedmen, and Aban-