

Colonel John Blick Spurgin, 102nd Regiment Madras Fusiliers.
 Colonel Edward Arthur Henry Webb, Madras Staff Corps.
 Colonel William George Woods, Madras Staff Corps, late Adjutant-General of the Madras Army.
 William James Money, Esq., Bengal Civil Service.
 George Nelson Barlow, Esq., Bengal Civil Service, Magistrate and Collector of Pooree, in Orissa, during the famine of 1866.
 John William Shaw Wyllie, Esq., Bombay Civil Service (Retired), late Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.
 Lieutenant-Colonel George Hutchinson, Bengal Staff Corps, Inspector-General of the Punjab Police.
 Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Thompson, Bengal Staff Corps, Deputy Commissioner in Oude.
 Major William Dickinson, Bombay Staff Corps, Second in command of the 3rd Regiment Scinde Horse, sometime Acting Political Agent in Beloochistan.
 John F. Arthur, Esq., M.D., late Surgeon-Major, Madras Medical Department.
 Captain Meadows Taylor, late Deputy Commissioner Hyderabad assigned Districts.
 Richard Vicars Boyle, Esq.
 Meer Akbar Ali, of Hyderabad, in the Deccan, late of the Intelligence Department, Abyssinian Field Force.

(C. 720.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
 June 3, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a Notice, which has been issued by the Commissioner of Trade and Customs in the Colony of Victoria, prohibiting the importation into that Colony of the following goods, and warning Importers and others that any evasion of the law renders the goods liable to forfeiture:—

Goods absolutely Prohibited to be Imported.

Books, wherein the copyright shall be first subsisting, first composed or written, or printed in the United Kingdom or in Victoria, and printed or reprinted in any other part of the world, as to which the proprietor of such copyright, or his agent, shall have given to the Commissioner a notice in writing that such copyright subsists, such notice also stating when such copyright will expire.

Coin, viz.—False money or counterfeit sterling.
 Coin of the realm, or of any British possession, or any money purporting to be such, not being of the established standard in weight or fineness.

Extracts, essences, or other concentrations of coffee, chicory, tea, malt, hops, or tobacco, except essences, or preparations of tobacco, to be employed for sheepwashing purposes, only upon which last-mentioned essences, or preparations, duty shall be paid, as on shipwash tobacco, according to a standard, to be fixed by the Governor in Council.

Blasphemous, indecent, or obscene prints, paintings, books, cards, lithographic, or other engravings, or other blasphemous, indecent, or obscene articles.

Infected cattle, sheep, or other animals, and hides, skins, horns, hoofs, or any other part of cattle, or other animals which the Governor in Council may prohibit; in order to prevent any infectious or contagious distemper or disease.

Spirits (not being perfumed or medicinal spirits) unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in casks or other vessels capable of containing liquids, each of such casks or other vessels being of the size or content of fourteen gallons at the least, and duly reported, or in glass bottles, or stone bottles, not exceeding the size of three pint bottles, and being really part of the cargo of the importing ship, and duly reported.

Snuff or tobacco, unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in whole and complete packages, each containing not less than sixty pounds nett weight, and not containing any other goods, and unless into such ports as are or may be approved by the Governor in Council for the importation and warehousing of tobacco.

Cigars, unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in packages containing not less than sixty pounds nett weight, or not less than ten thousand in number each, and not containing any other goods, and unless into such ports as are or may be approved as last aforesaid.

Opium, unless in ships of fifty tons burden at least, and in whole and complete packages, each containing not less than forty-five pounds nett weight, and not containing any other goods, and unless into such ports as are or may be approved of by the Governor in Council, for the importation and warehousing of opium.

(C. 721.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
 June 3, 1869.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have received, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Carthage, reporting that the Spanish Government have imposed three days' Quarantine observation on all vessels proceeding from Oran.

(C. 723.)

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
 June 3, 1869.*

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 the Acting Consul-General, at Caracas, inclosing copy and translation of a Decree of the National Congress of Venezuela, bearing date 29th April last, which imposes an additional duty of 20 per cent. upon merchandise imported into that Republic, to meet the extraordinary expenses incurred on account of the Revolution.

The following are the Articles of this Decree which have reference to British Trade and Shipping:—

ART. 1. For the term of twenty months an extraordinary contribution of 20 per cent. on the import duties collected at all the Custom-houses of the Republic, is hereby established.

ART. 2. This contribution shall be paid cash down at all the Custom-houses on all merchandise, the Consular certificates of which shall have been issued at a later date than that of the present decree.

ART. 3. The National Executive is hereby authorized, for the public benefit, to free from the