

France and Algeria respectively, which has been or may be, conceded by either Party to any third Power whatsoever, whether within or beyond Europe, shall be extended, immediately and unconditionally, to the other Contracting Party.

It is agreed, however, that, from the 1st of December next, if the ratifications of the present Treaty and the Protocol annexed thereto shall have been exchanged before that date, and if not, from the date of such ratifications being exchanged, the duties specified in Annex I may be levied until the 31st of December, 1876, on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of British Possessions imported into France or Algeria.

It is also agreed between the High Contracting Powers—

1st. That, as long as the Treaties concluded by France with other Powers shall not be modified, these duties shall, during the above-mentioned period, be the maximum duties which may be levied on goods the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or of British Possessions on their importation into France or Algeria.

2nd. That the difference, as against such goods, of the duties therein specified shall not be increased relatively to the duties on the like goods now levied under Treaties existing between France and any third Power.

3rd. That, except as specially provided in the third paragraph of this Article, the Tariffs annexed to the Treaty and Conventions of 1860 above-mentioned, shall remain in force until the 15th of March, 1873.

4th. That any reduction of duties which has been or may hereafter be granted by France to any third Power, whether within or beyond Europe, shall be immediately and unconditionally extended to Great Britain; and, reciprocally, that any reduction of duties which has been or may hereafter be granted by Great Britain to any third Power, whether within or beyond Europe, shall be immediately and unconditionally extended to France; and that no increase shall be made by Great Britain in the duties imposed by the Tariff now in force in the United Kingdom, of which a copy forms Annex II to the present Treaty, upon goods the produce or manufacture of France or of any French Possession which shall not equally be made with respect to goods of the same nature the produce or manufacture of any other country.

5th. That hereafter British ships and their cargoes shall, in France and Algeria, and French ships and their cargoes shall, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, from whatever place arriving, and whatever may be the places of origin or destination of their cargoes, be treated in every respect as national ships and their cargoes.

The coasting trade, however, is excepted from the preceding stipulation, and remains subject to the respective laws of the two countries.

ARTICLE III.

The transit of goods to and from the United Kingdom shall be free from all transit duties in France and Algeria, and the transit of goods to and from France and Algeria shall be free from all transit duties in the United Kingdom.

ARTICLE IV.

No prohibition of importation or exportation shall be established by either of the High Contracting Powers against the other, which shall not at the same time be applicable to all other foreign nations whatsoever: except, however, temporary

prohibitions or restrictions which either Government may think it necessary to impose in regard to contraband of war or for sanitary purposes.

ARTICLE V.

If one of the High Contracting Powers shall impose an excise tax or inland duty upon any article of home production or manufacture, an equivalent compensatory duty may be imposed on articles of the same description on their importation from the territories of the other Power, provided that the said equivalent duty is levied on the like articles on their importation from all other foreign countries.

But no compensatory duty shall be leviable in respect of a Customs duty on raw materials or other produce or goods imported from abroad.

In the event of the reduction or abolition of any such excise tax or inland duty, a reduction corresponding in amount shall at the same time be made in the equivalent compensatory import duty on manufactures.

ARTICLE VI.

Duties *ad valorem* payable in France or Algeria shall be calculated on the value at the place of production or fabrication of the article imported, with the addition of the cost of transport, insurance, and commission necessary for the importation into France or Algeria as far as the port of discharge.

For the levying of these duties, the importer shall make a written declaration at the Custom-house, stating the value and description of the goods. If the Custom-house authorities shall be of opinion that the declared value is insufficient, they shall be at liberty to take the goods on paying to the importer the price declared with an addition of five per cent.

This payment, together with the restitution of any duty which may have been levied upon such goods, shall be made within the fifteen days next following the declaration.

ARTICLE VII.

The French Government shall have the power to designate certain Custom-houses exclusively for the admission of goods taxed *ad valorem*, the valuation of which may appear to them to present difficulties.

ARTICLE VIII.

The importer, against whom the French Customs may desire to exercise the right of pre-emption stipulated in Article VI, may, if he prefers to do so, demand a valuation of his goods by experts.

The same demand may be made by the French Customs when they may not think fit to have immediate recourse to pre-emption.

Should the French Customs decline to exercise their right of pre-emption, they shall authorize the immediate surrender of the goods to the importer, on the express condition that the said importer shall offer adequate security for the payment of the duties and fines which might result from the valuation by experts, for which valuation the Customs shall retain the necessary samples.

ARTICLE IX.

If the result of such valuation by experts should prove that the value of the goods is not five per cent. above that which has been declared by the importer, the duty shall be levied upon the value so declared.