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*Foreign Office, May 23, 1874.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Edwin Corbett, Esq., now Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General to the Republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador, to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident to the Swiss Confederation.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Sidney Locock, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople, to be Her Majesty's Minister Resident and Consul-General to the Republics of Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Salvador.

*Foreign Office, June 15, 1874.*

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable William Nassau Jocelyn, now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Berne, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Embassy at Constantinople.

(H. 3917.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
Whitehall Gardens, S.W., June 17, 1874.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Rio, enclosing copy of an Imperial Decree respecting Brazilian merchant shipping and the coasting trade of the Brazilian Empire. A translation of the Decree is appended:—

(Translation).

Decree No. 5,585, of 11th April, 1874.

Orders to be put in force the Regulation of this date, concerning the national merchant shipping, the industry of ship-building, and the coasting trade.

It is my pleasure that the Law No. 2,348 of the 25th August, 1873, Art. 11, sec. 5, be put in force, observing the Regulation given below respecting the national merchant shipping, the industry of ship-building, and the coasting trade.

Let the Viscount do Rio Branco, President of the Council of Ministers, Minister and Secretary of State for Financial Affairs, and President of

the Tribunal of the Treasury, so have understood it and cause it to be put in force.

Palace of Rio de Janeiro, of April, 1874, fifty-third of the Independence and of the Empire.

With the sign manual of His Majesty the Emperor,

VISCOUNT DO RIO BRANCO.

REGULATION for putting in execution the Law No. 2,348 of the 25th August, 1873, Art. 11, sec. 5, to which Decree No. 5,585 of this date refers.

CHAPTER I.

*Of Brazilian Vessels.*

ART. 1. No merchant vessel shall be declared to be Brazilian unless the same be competently registered as the exclusive property of a Brazilian citizen, or of Brazilian citizens, even though they may reside out of the Empire; the condition of Art. 457, last part, of the Commercial Code (Law No. 2,348 of the 25th August, 1873, Act. 11, sec. 5, No. 8), being thus abrogated.

Sec. 1. Should the vessel have been constructed in a foreign country, the registry shall be made on view of the extraordinary passport treated of in Art. 147 of the Consular Regulation, No. 4,968 of the 24th May, 1872, and which ought to contain the specifications required by Art. 462 of the Commercial Code.

Sec. 2. The captains, masters, and mates may be either natives or foreigners, provided that one-third, at least, of the whole crew be Brazilians (Law cited, Art. 11, sec. 5, No. 9). The Brazilian merchant vessels are not subject to the payment of anchorage dues in the ports of the Empire; and those vessels that are employed in the coasting trade shall enjoy, besides this, the following favours:—

Sec. 1. Exemption from certificates of discharge, and from all instruments of security and responsibility, of which Arts. 458, sec. 2, 501, and 645 of the Regulation of the Customs treat.

On verifying the fact that the said vessels did not discharge all or part of the goods of national produce and manufacture in the port of their destination, the respective commanders shall incur a fine of from 5 to 20 dollars per package for not discharging them, and of from 5 to 20 per cent. on the value of the goods which are missing, should they have come loose in bulk—besides the export duty—as if they were to leave the country.

Sec. 2. Exemption from clearance in the Customs and Revenue Departments of the merchandize