

Foreign Office, October 26, 1876.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Gerard Francis Gould, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Lisbon.

The Queen has also been graciously pleased to appoint Robert Grant Watson, Esq., now Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Lisbon, to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Stockholm.

(H. 7548.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, October 27, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Notice issued by the Portuguese Government declaring the ports of French Guiana free from yellow fever since the 7th August last.

(H. 7508.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, October 30, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs copies of Notices issued by the Spanish Government declaring the port of Pernambuco free from yellow fever since the 1st of August last; and the ports of New York and New Orleans infected with the same disease since the 10th September last.

(H. 7590.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),
Whitehall Gardens, October 30, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at the Hague stating that in consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever at Charlestown and Savannah, all arrivals from thence will be subjected to quarantine.

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*Board of Trade, 1, Whitehall,
October 30, 1876.*

THE Board of Trade have received from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs the following translation of the Amended Spanish Customs Regulations concerning tobacco in transit:—

Appendix No. 20 of the Customs Ordinances.

ART. VI. The transit of tobacco of all classes coming from abroad and from the Spanish Colonial Provinces and destined for foreign ports, shall solely be permitted under the following conditions:—

1st. That it be carried in steamers, without restriction as to flag.

2nd. That they must measure at least 300 tons.

3rd. That the masters shall have the packages of tobacco inserted in their manifests countersigned by the Spanish Consul at the port of lading, or by the Administrator of Customs in the Spanish Colonial Provinces.

4th. That therein shall be specified the number of packages, their description, marks, numeration, gross weight and class of the tobacco, name of the shipper and place of destination; and bond shall be given at the first Custom-house touched at, to prove the landing of the same at the port of destination by a certificate from the Spanish Consul.

5th. That the bond shall be at the rate of 14 pesetas (11s. 8d.) for each kilogramme of tobacco, whatever may be the description and effective value thereof (5s. 3½d. per English pound.)

6th. That the port of her destination must not be that from which the ship comes, nor any one of those she may have touched at during the voyage.

7th. That on the outer coverings there shall be marked the gross weight of each package, which in no instance shall be less than 46 kilogrammes (101·42 English lbs.,) and the port of destination.

8th. That all the packages shall be placed in the ship's hold with the requisite separation, so that they can be easily examined by the Custom-house Officers at the ports of transit, in order to satisfy themselves of their existence on board.

9th. All tobacco which may be presented as in transit at a qualified port, in sailing vessels of any burthen whatsoever, or in steamers measuring less than 300 metrical tons, shall be confiscated, even though it may be found entered on the manifests; and besides, a fine of from double to quadruple the amount of the tariff duty shall be exacted from the masters.

For failure to comply with the requirements prescribed by the 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th conditions of this article, a fine of from 100 to 5000 pesetas (£4 3s. 4d. to £208 6s. 8d.) will be exacted from them. This penalty is not to exempt them from the obligation of presenting the packages for examination by the Custom-house, for, in default thereof, they shall be treated as defrauders.

For omitting to report the tobacco in transit, or for not having it inserted in the countersigned manifests, the shipmasters shall be visited with the penalties imposed under Article the 9th and the general legislation, as the case may be.

ART. IX. Tobacco of every description whatsoever shall be confiscated, and the master, consignee, or owner of the ship shall furthermore pay a fine of from one to four times the amount of the tariff duties, in the following cases:—

1st. When tobacco is found on board which has not been entered in the manifest and in the note of ship's stores.

2nd. When the extra quantity of tobacco belonging to the ship's stores has been re-embarked in accordance with the second paragraph of Article the 5th, and is not found to be on board at the time of the vessel's departure.

3rd. When tobacco manifested in transit is not to be found on board.

4th. When tobacco is seized on board of coasting, fishing, or other vessels moored in port.

5th. When tobacco seized in lighters on the water, or in any other place within the port, is proved to have come from a specific ship.

The duties which shall be exacted as a fine or penalty in these cases or in any other in which part of the penalty shall consist of the exaction of the duties, shall be fixed by applying the corresponding article of the tariff under this type.

1st. The specification to be made of the class of the tobacco.

2nd. In conformity with this classification the duty corresponding to a direct or indirect importation shall be applied, according to the place from whence the vessel came on board of which the seizure may have been effected.

ART. V. The master of a ship may carry for his consumption on board, 3 kilogrammes (6·61 English lbs.,) of any description of manufactured tobacco, and one kilogramme (2·2 lbs.,) for the use of each individual of his crew, which quantities should be included in the note or list of the ship's stores, according to Article 47 of the Ordinances, and shall be kept on board until the departure of the vessel. Upon the quantity which may then be found to be short, he shall pay the tariff duties.