

FRANCE.

Vessels and Cargoes. Import Duties, &c.

January 26, 1856.

Commerce and
Navigation.*Continued.*

From and after the 1st October of the present year, French vessels shall be allowed to sail from any port whatever of the countries under the dominion of His Most Christian Majesty, to all the Colonies of the United Kingdom (except those possessed by the East India Company), and to import into the said Colonies all kinds of merchandize, being productions the growth or manufacture of France, or of any country under the dominion of France, with the exception of such as are prohibited to be imported into the said Colonies, or are permitted to be imported only from countries under the British dominion; and the said French vessels, as well as the merchandize imported in the same, shall not be subject in the Colonies of the United Kingdom to other or higher duties than those to which British vessels may be subject on importing the same merchandize from any foreign country, or which are imposed upon the merchandize itself.

The same facilities shall be granted reciprocally in the Colonies of France, with regard to the importation in British vessels of all kinds of merchandize being productions the growth and manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of any country under the British dominion, with the exception of such as are prohibited to be imported into the said Colonies, or are permitted to be imported only from countries under the dominion of France. And whereas all goods the produce of any foreign country may now be imported into the Colonies of the United Kingdom in the ships of that country, with the exception of a limited list of specified articles, which can only be imported into the said Colonies in British ships, His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom reserves to himself the power of adding to the said list of excepted articles any other the produce of the French dominions, the addition whereof may appear to His Majesty to be necessary for placing the commerce and navigation to be permitted to the subjects of each of the High Contracting Parties with the Colonies of the other upon a footing of fair reciprocity. (Additional Article I.)

From and after the same period French vessels shall be allowed to export from all the Colonies of the United Kingdom (except those possessed by the East India Company), all kinds of merchandize which are not prohibited to be exported from such Colonies in vessels other than those of Great Britain; and the said vessels, as well as the merchandize exported in the same, shall not be subject to other or higher duties than those to which British vessels may be subject on exporting the said merchandize, or which are imposed upon the merchandize itself; and they shall be entitled to the same bounties, drawbacks, and other allowances of the same nature to which British vessels would be entitled on such exportation.

The same facilities and privileges shall be granted reciprocally in all the Colonies of France for the exportation in British vessels of all kinds of merchandize which are not prohibited to be exported from such Colonies in vessels other than those of France. (Additional Article II.)