

Supplementary Treaty of Commerce with French Republic.

And the President of the French Republic, M. le Duc Decazes, Member of the National Assembly, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, &c., &c., &c. ;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

If one of the High Contracting Parties shall impose an excise tax, that is to say, an 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.

In the event of the reduction or suppression of excise taxes, that is to say, inland duties, a corresponding reduction or suppression shall, at the same time, be made in the equivalent compensatory import duty on manufactures of British or French origin, as the case may be.

ARTICLE II.

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 III.

The stipulations of Article IX of the Convention of the 12th of October, 1860, in regard to duties of marking and guarantee established for goldsmith's work and jewellery, shall be applicable to fire-arms, anchors, chain cables, and all other articles over which similar control is or may be exercised.

ARTICLE IV.

In case of dispute between the importer and the French Customs as to the denomination, origin, or class under which any goods may be chargeable with duty, this dispute shall be referred to the Board of Legal Expertise established at the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce by Article 19 of the law of July 27th, 1822. The declarant, on the one hand,
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