

Trade and Commerce.

4. British subjects shall be permitted freely to exercise the profession of ship-broker. British subjects shall be permitted freely to exercise the profession of grain-broker, provided they pay a license tax of 400 fr. per annum.

5. In the event of the Government of Bulgaria undertaking the administration of the Sanitary and Lighthouse services on the Bulgarian coast of the Black Sea, it will not collect higher dues than those now levied by the existing Administrations.

6. With regard to the transport of goods by rail, the Bulgarian Government undertakes to admit British goods, and goods imported by British subjects or their agents, to the enjoyment of all advantages, or reductions of freight or of other charges, and to all privileges and facilities which have been, or may hereafter be, accorded to goods coming from any other foreign country, or imported by the subjects of the most favoured nation.

All goods landed at Bulgarian ports, including goods destined to be immediately dispatched to the interior of the Principality under the conditions of a tariff of through rates, may be cleared at the custom-house of the port of entry.

[L.S.]	(Signed)	FRANCIS E. H. ELLIOT.
[L.S.]	(Signed)	DR. C. STOILOFF.

(Translation.)

Circular addressed on the 3rd April, 1885, by the Ministry of Finance of the Principality to the Collectors of Customs at Bulgarian Ports, No. 8752.

The Tariff relative to the collection of port dues annexed to the Ordinance of the 28th February of the present year, No 5277, provides for somewhat high dues; several of these dues are, indeed, useless. The Ministry of Finance, being desirous of avoiding claims on the part of native or foreign ship-owners, and wishing to avoid all difficulty, has drawn up the accompanying Tariff, instead of, and in the place of, the old Tariff, and the modifications which have been introduced into it on different occasions by former Circulars. You are therefore requested, M. le Directeur, to be guided by the new Tariff in the collection of port dues payable by vessels arriving in our ports.

Tariff of Port Dues.

1. For anchorage and buoyage :—

All merchant-vessels under the Bulgarian or a foreign flag arriving in Bulgarian ports in which loading or unloading of cargo is permitted, shall pay the following dues :—

1. If vessels neither load nor unload within eight days after their arrival in port, they shall pay no dues. At the expiration of this period, if they begin to load, they shall pay :—

- (a.) Vessels up to 5 tons, 1 fr.
- (b.) " from 5 to 50 tons, 2 fr. 50 c.
- (c.) " " 50 to 300 " 10 fr.
- (d.) " " 300 to 600 " 15 fr.
- (e.) " " 600 tons and over, 20 fr.
- (f.) Tugs or rafts, 2 fr.

Vessels which, after a period of eight days, load no cargo, shall pay half the above dues, but if after paying the latter they commence to load, they shall pay the other half.

Note 1 : Small vessels trading with a coasting certificate, mail-steamers and Navigation Companies performing a regular service are exempted from payment of these dues.

Note 2 : Vessels coming from a Bulgarian port shall pay half the anchorage dues.

Note 3 : Exemption from anchorage dues is also granted to vessels which by stress of weather, or other accident of the seas, touch at a point on the coast where loading and unloading of cargo is not allowed.

2. Dues payable yearly by owners of Bulgarian vessels and craft :—

- (a.) Every owner of a vessel measuring up to 5 tons pays 8 fr. a year.
- (b.) Every owner of a vessel measuring from 5 to 50 tons pays 15 fr. a year.