OFFICIAL.

DECREES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

No. 36.

The President of the Republic of Nicaragua in virtue of his authority

DECREES:

Article 1. The decree of the 29th of February, 1856, granting to Mr. Charles Morgan and his associates for the term of twenty-five years the exclusive right and privilege of transporting by a single route through the territory of the Republic, passengers and freight from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the exclusive right and privilege of navigating by steam, all the rivers, lakes and inland waters of the Republic for the said term of twenty-five years, is subjected to a modification of Articles 2nd, 4th, 7th and 8th, which should read and be understood as follows:

Art. 2. The grantees in consideration of the privileges conveyed to them, shall pay to the Government of Nicaragua one dollar for every passenger carried by them through the territory of the Republic; said payment shall be made tri monthly in the Republic of Nicaragua, in the place which the Government shall select, and at the same time a statement shall be presented to the Government or to the agent appointed by the same, of the whole number of passengers thus transported. And to confront this statement the Government shall have free access to the books of the company, whether said books are kept within or out of the Republic.

Art. 4. The Republic concedes to all the steamers and vessels of the grantees the right of entering, leaveing and passing through all the ports, rivers, and inland waters, and also on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The use of which shall be free to them of all dues or imposts of any kind whatsoever, and the grantees shall also have the use of all waste lands in the immediate vicinity of the ports, rivers and lakes on the transit which may be needed by them for the purpose of establishing work-shops, stations, offices, etc.; the quantity of land thus granted not to exceed ten acres in one place.

Art. 7. The grantees agree to establish within six months from the date of this agreement, a monthly line of steamers between the city of New York and the port of San Juan del Norte in Nicaragua, or any other port which they may choose on the Atlantic coast, and also between the city of San Francisco and the port of San Juan del Sur, or any other which they may select on the Pacific coast; they likewise agree to maintain the said lines for the term of this contract always excepting the ordinary dangers of the sea and of navigation, and in the event of any interruption of the lines by some unforeseen disaster, the grantees shall reorganize the same as soon as may be practicable, and if the said lines should be successful, the grantees agree to run semi-monthly lines of steamers within one year from the date of the execution of this contract.

Art. 8. The exclusive right which the grantees acquire by this contract of navigating the inland waters of the Republic by means of steam, is understood not to interfere with the natives of the country, or other persons to whom the Government may please to concede the privilege of navigating the inland waters of the Republic by means of sailing or other vessels, excepting steam; and the grantees shall also carry without charge, all the officials of the Government, whether civil or military in the service of the Government, and the mails of the country both going and returning, and also when the exigency of the case demands it, and no detriment or interruption results to the transportation of passengers, they shall carry the troops of the Government—receiving only in payment for such service the actual cost of running the steamers conveying them.

Art. 2. Communicated to whom it may concern.

Given in Granada, this, 26th day of August, 1856.

WM. WALKER.

To the Minister of State, Don Fermin Ferrer:

It is agreed and authorized by the undersigned and sealed with the great seal of the Republic.

Granada, August 26, 1856 F. FERRER,
Minister of State.

No. 37.

REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA,
Ministry of Relations and Government,
Granada, August 26, 1856.

Sir—The Supreme Executive Power has been pleased to dictate the following decree:

The President of the Republic of Nicaragua:

Whereas, it has been well and duly ascertained by the commissioners appointed under the Decree of 19th of February last past, that the late Accessory Transit Company is indebted to the Republic of Nicaragua in a sum exceeding three hundred thousand dollars: and

Whereas, by a fair and just valuation of the moveable property of the late Transit Company, consisting for the most part of steamers on the lake and river, said property does not exceed in value the sum of two hundred thousand dollars: and

Whereas, the late Accessory Transit Company has, for the last six months either abandoned its property, or attempted to place it in the power of the enemies of the State; therefore in virtue of the authority in me vested, it is

DECREED:

Article 1. All the steamers and other moveable property within the territories of the State, are hereby declared to be the property of the Republic of Nicaragua; and the Receiver appointed by the commissioners is ordered to take and retain possession of the same in the name of the Republic.

Art. 2. The Receiver shall return to the Minister of Relations a true and correct account and inventory of all property administered by him and taken into possession for the State.

Art. 3. Communicated to whom it may concern.

Given in Granada, August 26th, 1856.

WM. WALKER.

To the Minister of Relations, and Government, Don Fermin Ferrer:

By superior order this is communicated to you for your information awaiting acknowledgement of the same.

F. FERRER,
Minister of State.

No. 38.

REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA,
Ministry of Relations,
Granada, August 27, 1856.

Sir—The Supreme Executive Power has been pleased to dictate the following decree:

The President of the Republic of Nicaragua in in virtue of his authority,

DECREES;

Art. 1. For and in consideration of the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, the receipt of which is acknowledged, the Republic of Nicaragua cedes, transfers and conveys to Charles Morgan, and Cornelius K. Garrison, and their successors and assigns under the grant of the 19th of February 1856, all the right title and interest held by the State, in the property, moveable as well as immoveable, lately belonging to the Accessory Transit Company, consisting for the most part of steamers on the Lake Nicaragua and river San Juan, of the several stations on the transit route, and of the macadamized road between San Juan del Sur and Virgin Bay.

Art. 2. Joseph N. Scott, the holder of said property on the part of the State, is hereby ordered to deliver the possession of the same to the agents of the said Morgan, and Garrison, and their assigns and to make out a true and exact inventory of the property so delivered; one copy of which inventory shall be deposited in the archives of the Government, and one delivered to the agent of the said Morgan and Garrison, and their assigns.

Art. 3. Communicated to whom it may concern.

Given in Granada, this, 27th day of August, 1856.

WM. WALKER.

To the Minister of Relations and Goverment, Don Fermin Ferrer:

By superior order this is communicated to you for your information and proper action in expectation of the corresponding acknowledgement.

F. FERRER,
Minister of State.

No. 39.

REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA,
Ministry of State in the Department of Interior Relations. Granada, August 18, 1856.

Sir—The Supreme Executive Power has been pleased to dictate the following decree:

The President of the Republic of Nicaragua to its inhabitants.

In order to make titles to lands more certain and to prevent fraudulent conveyances in virtue of the powers in him vested

DECREES:

Article 1. There shall be a Recorder of Land Titles appointed in each of the Departments of the Republic, whose duty it shall be to record all land titles and all conveyances of land presented to him for registry.

Art. 2. The Recorder of the Southern Department shall reside at Rivas; of the Oriental Department at Granada; of the Western Department at Leon; and of the previnces of Matagalpa and Nueva Segovia at the former place. They shall keep their offices open at said owns from the hours of 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. every day, Sundays excepted.

Art. 3. All persons having titles to lands within the Republic are required to present them within six months after the office of the Recorder is opened within the Department where the land is situated, and all lands not registered at the eve of that time will be liable to be sold or located public lands.

Art. 4. No conveyance of land, or mortgage thereof, or encumbrance thereon made or created after the 15th of September next, shall be valid unless registered in the office of the Recorder of the Department where the land is situated,

Art. 5. An office shall be provided for each Recorder by the Government, and he shall be entitled to charge such fees for recording as may be hereafter assigned by the Government.

Art. 6. Communicated to whom it may concern.

Given in Granada, this, 29th day of August, 1856.

WM. WALKER.

To the Minister of State in the Department of Interior Relations, Don Fermin Ferrer:

By superior order this is communicated to you for your information and proper action awaiting the corresponding acknowledg ment.

FERRER, Minister of State.

SURVEY OF CONFISCATED PROPERTY.—The schooner Granada on Monday last took down the Government Surveyors who will immediately engage in the work of surveying the property recently confiscated to the government by the treasonable conduct of its owners.

TWO MORE SCHOONERS.—We understand that there are two schooners sunk in the lake near this port, which should be raised very early, and would do excellently well for packets between Granada and Virgin Bay. Will not some enterprising man go into the scheme?

John Tabor,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
GRANADA, NICARAGUA.

Parte Española.

Sábado, Agosto 30 de 1856.

SE PUBLICARA

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MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES Y GOBERNACION DEL SUPREMO GOBIERNO DE LA REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA.

Señor:

Granada, Agosto 26 de 1856.

El S. P. E. se ha servido dictar el decreto siguiente:

"El Presidente de la República de Nicaragua.

Habiéndose esclarecido legalmente por los comisionados nombrados por el decreto de 19 de Febrero próximo pasado que la antigua Compañía accesoria del tránsito es en deber á la República de Nicaragua una suma que escede á la de trescientos mil pesos; y

Habiéndose prácticado una justa tasacion de los bienes muebles de la antigua Compañía accesoria del tránsito, compuestos principalmente de los Vapores en el Lago y el Rio, de la cual resulta que el Vapor de dichas propiedades no escède á la suma de doscientos mil pesos; y

Observándo que dicha Compañía accesoria del tránsito en los últimos seis meses á bandonó su propiedad y cometió el atentado de ponerla en manos de los enemigos de la República: Por tanto, en uso de sus facultades que le competen

DECRETA:

Art. 1.° Todos los Vapores y demas propiedades de que estaba en posesion la antigua Compañía dentro del territorio del Estado, se declaran pertenecientes á la República de Nicaragua; y se ordena al depositario nombrado por los comisionados de tomar y tener en su poder dichas propiedades en nombre de la República.

Art. 2.° El depositario deberá remitir al Sr. Ministro de Relaciones una verdadera y exacta cuenta é inventario de todas las propiedades que administre y esté en posesion de ellas por cuenta del Estado.

Art. 3.° Comuníquese á quienes corresponda.—Dado en Granada, á 26 de Agosto de 1856.–Guillermo Walker."—Al Sr. Ministro de Relaciones y Gobernacion Ldo. don Fermin Ferrer.

De suprema órden lo inserto á V. para su inteligencia y demas efectos; esperando recibo.—De V. atento servidor.

FERRER.

MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES Y GOBERNACION DEL SUPREMO GOBIERNO DE LA REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA.

Granada, Agosto 26 de 1856.

"El Presidente de la República de Nicaragua.

En uso de sus facultades

DECRETA:

Art. 1.° El decreto de 19 de Febrero de 1856, por el que se hace cesion al Sr. Edmund Randolph y sus socios del derecho y privilegios esclusivo, por el término de veinticinco años, para trasportar al travéz del territorio de la República por una sola ruta pasageros y cargas del Atlántico al Pacífico; y el derecho y privilegio esclusivo de navegar por buques de vapor en todos los rios, lagos y aguas interiores de la República, durante los veinticinco años referidos; queda enmendado en sus artículos 2.° 4.° 7.° y 8.° y los cuales deben leerse de la manera siguiente.

2.° Los cesionarios en consideracion de los privilegios que se les han concedido, se obligan á pagar al Gobierno de Nicaragua á razon de un peso por cada pasagero por ellos trasportado al travez del territorio de la República; dicho pago será hecho por trimestres, dentro de la República de Nicaragua, en el lugar que el Gobierno pueda elegir, y en el mismo tiempo se le presentará al Gobierno, ó al Agente que él señale, una razon que manifieste el total número de pasageros así trasportados. Con el objeto de verificar esta razon, el Gobierno tendrá libre entrada á los libros correspondientes, ya sea que estos se guarden dentro ó fuera de la República.

4.° La República concede á todos los vapores y bucues de los cesionarios el derecho de entrar, salir y transitar los Puertos, Rios y aguas sobre el Atlántico, el Pacífico y los interiores. El uso de todo esto será libre de todo derecho ó impuesto de cualesquiera clase; y se les concede á los cesionarios el uso de todas las tierras baldias en las inmediaciones de los Puertos, Rios y lagos del tránsito, que les sean necesarias, con el fin de establecer casas de trabajos, estaciones oficinas ect. para fomentarlo; no debiendo estas tierras esceder de diez acres en un solo lugar.

7.° Los cesionarios convienen en establecer, dentro de seis meses de la fecha de este convenio, una línea mensual de vapores oceánicos entre la Ciudad de Nueva York y el puerto de San Juan del Norte en Nicaragua, ó cualquiera otro puerto que los cesionarios quieran adoptar sobre el Atlántico, y la Ciudad de San Francisco y el puerto de San Juan del Sur ú otro de los del Pacífico que los cesionarios adopten; como tambien á mantener la dicha línea durante el término de esta concesion, con escepcion de los peligros ordinarios de mar y navegacion, y en caso que la línea sea interrumpida por algun desastre imprevisto, los cesionarios están obligados á reorganizar la línea tan pronto como sea posible, y si el buen exito de la línea lo requiere; los cesionarios convienen que dentro de un año de la fecha de la ejecucion de este contrato harán semimensual la línea.

8.° El derecho esclusivo que los cesionarios adquieren por este contrato, de navegar las aguas interiores de la República por medio de buques de vapor, se entiende que no les ha de estorbar á los hijos del pais, ni á otras personas á quienes el Gobierno quiera conceder tal privilegio, la libre navegacion interior por medio de buques de vela ó de otra clase, esceptuando los vapores; y tambien se obligan los cesionarios á trasportar sin carga á todos los oficiales del Gobierno civil y comisionados del ejército en servicio del Gobierno, y la correspondencia del pais de ida y vuelta, y tambien las que la urgencia lo requiera, y cuando los cesionarios puedan hacerlo sin interrupcion del trasporte arreglado de pasageros, trasportar las tropas del Gobierno por el pago solo del actual costo de correr los vapores en que se lleven."

Art. 2.° Comuníquese á quienes corresponda.—Dado en Granada, á 26 de Agosto de 1856.–William Walker.–Al Sr. Ministro de Estado, Ldo. don Fermin Ferrer.

Es conforme, y en fé de ello lo autoriza el infraescrito Secretario de Estado, con el gran sello de la República.–*Ferrer.*

MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES Y GOBERNACION DEL SUPREMO GOBIERNO DE LA REPUBLICA DE NICARAGUA.

Granada, Agosto 27 de 1856.

Señor

El S. P. E. se ha servido dictar el decreto siguiente.

"El Preridente de la República de Nicaragua; en uso de sus facultades,

DECRETA:

Art. 1.° En consideracion á que la República de Nicaragua ha recibido de los Sres. Cornelius K. Garrison la suma de cuatrocientos mil pesos; la primera, cede, renuncia y entrega á los segundos, sus sucesores y apoderados, bajo el privilegio concedido el 19 de Febrero del corriente año, todos los derechos, títulos é intereses que tiene la República y consisten en las propiedades muebles é inmuebles antiguamente pertenecientes á la Compañía accesoria del tránsito; compuesta principalmente de los vapores en

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