

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The 24th day of February, 1843.

PRESENT :

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 59th year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "*An Act to carry into effect a Convention of Commerce concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America, and a Treaty with the Prince Regent of Portugal*," divers provisions were made respecting the duties payable, and the bounties and allowances to be granted upon the importation and exportation of goods, wares and merchandize into or from the United Kingdom, in vessels of the United States and in Portuguese vessels, and also respecting the duties and charges payable upon vessels of the United States and upon Portuguese vessels, and likewise respecting the repayment of certain corporations, bodies politic and corporate, and sundry other persons, of the amount of the sums of money of which they would be deprived by means of the Act now in recital.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the 1st and 2nd years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws of the Customs*," after reciting as hereinbefore is recited, and also that subsequently to the enactment of the hereinbefore recited Act, Her Majesty and Her Royal Predecessors had made and concluded with divers Foreign Powers Treaties containing provisions similar to those recited in the said recited Act, and that doubts had arisen whether, according to the true construction thereof, the said recited Act did apply and extend to the Trade and Shipping of such other Foreign Powers, and that it was expedient that such doubts should be removed, it is thereby enacted and declared that from and after the ratification of any Treaty theretofore made by Her Majesty or any of Her Royal Predecessors subsequently to the enactment of the said recited Act, or of any Treaty which might thereafter be made by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors with any such Foreign Power, in which Treaty had been or should be contained provisions similar to those contained in the said recited Act, all and every the provisions, clauses, matters and things in the said recited Act contained did and should apply and extend to the Trade and Shipping of such Foreign Powers respectively as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as to the Trade and Shipping of the said United States and of the said Kingdom of Portugal. And by the said Act now in recital it is enacted and declared, that the said recited Act did not extend, and should not be construed to extend, to grant or to confer upon the Trade or Shipping of the said United States or of the said Kingdom of Portugal, or of any other Foreign Power, or to the subjects of such States or Kingdom, or of any such Foreign Power as aforesaid, any other or greater advantages than such as should have been stipulated for and granted to the said United States, the said Kingdom of Portugal, or any such other Foreign Power, by the respective Treaties subsisting and in force between them respectively and Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors or Her Royal Predecessors, but that the said recited Act should be so construed and applied as to give full and complete effect to such respective Treaties so long as the same shall respectively remain in force, and should provide such and only such indemnity as therein mentioned to such bodies politic and corporate and other persons as were therein mentioned, for such losses as they should respectively sustain by the execution of such respective Treaties.

And for the prevention of uncertainty therein it was enacted by the said Act now in recital, that it should and might be lawful for Her Majesty by any Order or Orders by Her made, with the advice of Her Privy

Council, and published in the London Gazette from time to time, to declare what are the Foreign Powers with which any such Treaty or Treaties as aforesaid is or are subsisting, and that the Act now in recital and the said recited Act should apply, and should be deemed from the time of the ratification of any such Treaties to have been applicable to the Trade and Shipping of such Foreign Countries as should be so mentioned in any such Order or Orders in Council as aforesaid so long as any such Order or Orders shall continue unrevoked and no longer.

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth, in pursuance and in exercise of the power and authority in Her vested by the Act so passed as aforesaid in the Session of Parliament held in the 1st and 2d year of Her Reign, declare that such a Treaty as in the same Act is mentioned, containing provisions similar to those contained in the said recited Act of the 59th year of His Majesty King George the 3d, is now subsisting between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, being a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Her Majesty and the Emperor of all the Russias, signed on the 11th day of January, in this present year and the ratifications whereof were exchanged on the 31st day of the same month.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

TREATY OF COMMERCE & NAVIGATION

BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND THE EMPEROR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.

Signed at St. Petersburg, January 11, 1843.

[Ratifications exchanged at London, January 31, 1843.]

In the name of the Most Holy and Indivisible Trinity.

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, being desirous of extending, increasing, and consolidating the commercial relations between their respective dominions and possessions, and of thereby procuring all possible facilities and encouragements for those of their subjects who partake in those relations; and being persuaded that nothing can more contribute to the accomplishment of their mutual wishes in this respect, than the reciprocal abolition of the differential and countervailing duties which are at present exacted and levied on the vessels or produce of either of the two States in the ports of the other, have named as their Plenipotentiaries for the conclusion of a Treaty to this effect, that is to say :

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable Charles Baron Stuart de Rothsay in the Isle of Bute, Peer of Parliament, Member of the Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, and of the ancient Order of the Tower and Sword of Portugal, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias ;

And His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, the Sieur Charles Robert Count Nesselrode, His Privy Councillor, Vice-Chancellor, Member of the Council of the Empire, Knight of the Orders of Russia and of several others ; and the Sieur George Count Cambrine, General of Infantry, Minister of Finance, Member of the Council of the Empire, Knight of the Orders of Russia, and of several others ;

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