

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of March, 1854.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty having determined to afford active assistance to Her Ally, His Highness the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, for the protection of his dominions against the encroachments and unprovoked aggression of His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of all the Russias, Her Majesty, therefore, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that general reprisals be granted against the ships, vessels, and goods of the Emperor of all the Russias, and of his subjects or others inhabiting within any of his countries, territories, or dominions, so that Her Majesty's fleets and ships shall and may lawfully seize all ships, vessels, and goods belonging to the Emperor of all the Russias, or his subjects, or others inhabiting within any of his countries, territories, or dominions, and bring the same to judgment in such Courts of Admiralty within Her Majesty's dominions, possessions, or colonies, as shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance thereof. And to that end Her Majesty's Advocate General, with the Advocate of Her Majesty in Her Office of Admiralty, are forthwith to prepare the Draft of a Commission, and present the same to Her Majesty at this Board, authorizing the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral to will and require the High Court of Admiralty of England, and the Lieutenant and Judge of the said Court, his Surrogate or Surrogates, as also the several Courts of Admiralty within Her Majesty's dominions, which shall be duly commissioned to take cognizance of, and judicially proceed upon, all and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes, and reprisals of all ships, vessels, and goods, that are or shall be taken, and to hear and determine the same; and, according to the course of Admiralty and the Law of Nations, to adjudge and condemn all such ships, vessels, and goods, as shall belong to the Emperor of all the Russias or his subjects, or to any others inhabiting within any of his countries, territories, or dominions; and they are likewise to prepare and lay before Her Majesty, at this Board, a Draft of such Instructions as may be proper to be sent to the said several Courts of Admiralty in Her Majesty's dominions, possessions, and colonies, for their guidance herein.

From the Court at Buckingham Palace, this twenty ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Cranworth, C.	Drumlanrig.
Granville, P.	Mulgrave.
Argyll, C. P. S.	J. Russell.
Newcastle.	Ernest Bruce.
Breadalbane.	Sydney Herbert.
Lansdowne.	J. R. G. Graham.
Abercorn.	Stephen Lushington.
Aberdeen.	W. E. Gladstone.
Clarendon.	William Molesworth.

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It is this day ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that no ships or vessels belonging to any of Her Majesty's subjects, be permitted to enter and clear out for any of the ports of Russia, until further order; and Her Majesty is further pleased to order, that a general embargo or stop be made of all Russian ships and vessels whatsoever, now within, or which shall hereafter come into any of the ports, harbours or roads, within any of Her Majesty's dominions, together with all persons and effects on board the said ships or vessels; provided, always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any ships or vessels specified or comprised in a certain Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated this twenty ninth day of March, for exempting from capture or detention Russian vessels under special circumstances; and Her Majesty is pleased further to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the utmost care be taken for the preservation of all and every part of the cargoes on board any of the said ships or vessels, so that no damage or embezzlement whatever be sustained; and the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. GREVILLE.

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Her Majesty being compelled to declare War against His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of all the Russias, and being desirous to lessen as much as possible the evils thereof, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Russian merchant vessels, in any ports or places within Her Majesty's dominions, shall be allowed until the tenth day of May next, six weeks from the date hereof, for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places; and