

to authorize the Lord High Admiral, or Our Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, for the time being, to issue such directions thereupon as may appear just and expedient, which directions shall have the same force and effect as if specially provided for in this Our Royal Proclamation.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this twenty ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and in the seventeenth year of Our Reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of April, 1854.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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 which, at the time of the publication of this Order, shall be in any ports or places in Her Majesty's Indian territories, under the Government of the East India Company, or within any of Her Majesty's foreign or colonial possessions, shall be allowed thirty days from the time of the publication of this Order in such Indian territories, or foreign or colonial possession, for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places; and that such Russian merchant vessels, if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue their voyage if, on examination of their papers, it shall appear that their cargoes were taken on board before the expiration of the above term. Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be taken to extend, to Russian vessels having on board any officer in the military or naval service of the enemy, or any article prohibited or contraband of war, or any despatch of or to the Russian Government

And it is hereby further ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council as aforesaid, that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the twenty ninth day of March now last past, shall have sailed from any foreign port, bound for any port or place in any of Her Majesty's Indian territories, or foreign or colonial possessions, shall be permitted to enter such port or place, and to discharge her cargo, and afterwards forthwith to depart without molestation; and that any such vessel, if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, the Right Honorable the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, and all governors, officers, and authorities, whom it may concern, in Her Majesty's East Indian, foreign, and colonial possessions, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain

C. C. GREVILLE.

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