

"It is impossible for Her Majesty to forego the exercise of Her Right of seizing articles contraband of war, and of preventing neutrals from bearing the enemy's despatches, and she must maintain the right of a belligerent to prevent neutrals from breaking any effective blockade which may be established with an adequate force against the enemy's forts, harbours, or coasts.

"But Her Majesty will waive the right of seizing enemy's property laden on board a neutral vessel, unless it be contraband of war.

"It is not Her Majesty's intention to claim the confiscation of neutral property, not being contraband of war, found on board enemy's ships; and Her Majesty further declares, that being anxious to lessen as much as possible the evils of war, and to restrict its operations to the regularly organized forces of the country, it is not Her present intention to issue letters of marque for the commissioning of privateers."

Now it is this day ordered, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that all vessels under a neutral or friendly flag, being neutral or friendly property, shall be permitted to import into any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions all goods and merchandize whatsoever, to whomsoever the same may belong; and to export from any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions to any port not blockaded, any cargo or goods, not being contraband of war, or not requiring a special permission, to whomsoever the same may belong.

And Her Majesty is further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby further ordered that, save and except only as aforesaid, all the subjects of Her Majesty and the subjects or citizens of any neutral or friendly State shall and may, during and notwithstanding the present hostilities with Russia, freely trade with all ports and places wheresoever situate, which shall not be in a state of blockade, save and except that no British vessel shall under any circumstances whatsoever, either under or by virtue of this Order, or otherwise, be permitted or empowered to enter or communicate with any port or place which shall belong to or be in the possession or occupation of Her Majesty's enemies.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

C. C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 15th day of April, 1854.

PRESENT:

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Order of Her Majesty in Council, of the twenty ninth of March last, it was amongst other things ordered, "that any Russian merchant vessel which prior to the date of this Order shall have sailed from any foreign port, bound for any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, 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 whereas Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is now pleased to alter and extend such part of the said Order, it is hereby ordered, by and with such advice as aforesaid, as follows, that is to say:—that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the fifteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, shall have sailed from any port of Russia, situated either in or upon the shores or coasts of the Baltic Sea or of the White Sea, bound for any port or place in Her Majesty's dominions, shall be permitted to enter such last mentioned 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 Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice aforesaid, further to order, and it is hereby further ordered, that in all other respects Her Majesty's aforesaid Order in Council, of the twenty ninth day of March last, shall be and remain in full force, effect, and operation.

And the Right Honourable 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.

The following, with those published in the Gazettes of 22d March and 29th April last, complete the series so far as received.

Her Majesty's Declarations, Proclamations, and Orders in Council with reference to the Commencement of Hostilities against the Emperor of all the Russias.

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

Whereas by the Customs Consolidation Act, 1853, Section 150, certain Goods may, by Proclamation or Order of Her Majesty in Council, be prohibited either to be exported or carried Coastwise:

And whereas We, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, deem it expedient and necessary to prohibit the Goods hereinafter mentioned either to be exported or carried Coastwise: We, by and with the Advice aforesaid, do hereby Order and Direct, that from and after the date hereof, all Arms, Ammunition and Gunpowder, Military and Naval Stores, and the following Articles, being articles which we have judged capable of being converted into, or made useful in increasing the quantity of, Military or Naval Stores, that is to say, Marine Engines, Screw Propellers, Paddle Wheels, Cylinders, Cranks, Shafts, Boilers, Tubes for Boilers, Boiler Plates, Fire Bars, and every article, or any other component part of an Engine or Boiler, or any article whatsoever, which is, can or may become applicable for the Manufacture of Marine Machinery, shall be and the same are hereby prohibited either to be exported from the United Kingdom or carried Coastwise.

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this eighteenth day of February, 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.

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the fifty ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, entitled, "An Act to prevent the enlisting or engagement of His Majesty's Subjects to serve in Foreign Service, and the fitting out or equipping in His Majesty's dominions Vessels for Warlike Purposes, without His Majesty's Licence," it is amongst other things enacted, "that if any Person within any Part of the United Kingdom, or in any Part of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, shall, without the Leave or Licence of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, for that Purpose first had and obtained under the Sign Manual of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, or signified by Order in Council, or by Proclamation of His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, equip, furnish, fit out, or arm, or attempt or endeavour to equip, furnish, fit out, or arm, or procure to be equipped, furnished, fitted out or armed, or shall knowingly aid, assist, or be concerned in the equipping, furnishing, fitting out, or arming, of any Ship or Vessel, with intent or in order that such Ship or Vessel shall be employed in the Service of any Foreign Prince, State, or Potentate, or of any Foreign Colony, Province, or Part of any Province, or People, or of any Person or Persons exercising or assuming to exercise any Powers of Government in or over any Foreign State, Colony, Province, or Part of any Province, or People, as a Transport or Store Ship, or with intent to cruise or commit Hostilities against any Prince, State, or Potentate, or against the Subjects or Citizens of any Prince, State, or Potentate, or against the Persons exercising or assuming to exercise the Powers of Government in any Colony, Province, or Part of any Province or Country, or against the Inhabitants of any Foreign Colony, Province, or Part of any Province or Country, with whom His Majesty shall not then be at War, or shall, within the United Kingdom or any of His Majesty's Dominions, or in any Settlement, Colony, Territory, Island, or Place belonging or subject to His Majesty, issue or deliver any Commission for any Ship or Vessel, to the intent that such Ship or Vessel shall be employed as aforesaid, every such Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof upon any Information or Indictment, be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the Court in which such offender shall be convicted, and every such Ship or Vessel, with the Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, together with all the Materials, Arms, Ammunition, and Stores which may belong to or be on board of any such Ship or Vessel, shall be forfeited."

And whereas it has been represented to Us that Ships and Vessels are being built in several places within the United Kingdom, and are being equipped, furnished, and fitted out especially with Steam Machinery, with intent that they shall be employed as aforesaid, without our Royal Leave or Licence for that purpose first had or obtained or signified as aforesaid; We have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, warning all Our Subjects against taking part in such proceedings, which We are determined to prevent and repress, and which cannot fail to bring upon the Parties engaged in them the Punishments which attend the violation of the Laws.

Given at our Court at Buckingham Palace, this 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.

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

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

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