

or Persons exercising or assuming to exercise any Powers of Government as aforesaid, or to go or to agree to go or embark from any Part of His Majesty's Dominions, for the Purpose or with Intent to be so enlisted, entered, engaged, or employed as aforesaid, whether any Enlisting Money, Pay, or Reward shall have been or shall be actually given or received, or not; in any or either of such Cases, every Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and upon being convicted thereof, upon any Information or Indictment, shall be punishable by Fine and Imprisonment, or either of them, at the Discretion of the Court before which such Offender shall be convicted."

And it is in and by the said Act further 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 and Licence of His Majesty for that Purpose first had and obtained as aforesaid, 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 it shall be lawful for any Officer of His Majesty's Customs or Excise, or any Officer of His Majesty's Navy, who is by Law empowered to make Seizures for any Forfeiture incurred under any of the Laws of Customs or Excise, or the Laws of Trade and Navigation, to seize such Ships and Vessels aforesaid, and in such Places and in such Manner in which the Officers of His Majesty's Customs or Excise and the Officers of His Majesty's Navy are empowered respectively to make Seizures under the Laws of Customs and Excise, or under the Laws of Trade and Navigation; and that every such Ship and 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 such Ship or Vessel, may be prosecuted and condemned in the like Manner and in such Courts as Ships or Vessels may be prosecuted and condemned for any Breach of the Laws made for the Protection of the Revenues of Customs and Excise, or of the Laws of Trade and Navigation."

And it is in and by the said Act further enacted,—

"That if any Person in any Part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any Part of His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas, without the Leave and Licence of His Majesty for that Purpose first had and obtained as aforesaid, shall, by adding to the Number of the Guns of such Vessel, or by changing those on board for other Guns, or by the Addition of any Equipment for War, increase or augment, or procure to be increased or augmented, or shall be knowingly concerned in increasing or augmenting, the

Warlike Force of any Ship or Vessel of War, or Cruizer, or other armed Vessel, which at the Time of her Arrival in any Part of the United Kingdom, or any of His Majesty's Dominions, was a Ship of War, Cruizer, or armed Vessel in the Service of any Foreign Prince, State, or Potentate, or of any Person or Persons exercising or assuming to exercise any Powers of Government in or over any Colony, Province, or Part of any Province or People belonging to the Subjects of any such Prince, State, or Potentate, or to the Inhabitants of any Colony, Province, or Part of any Province or Country under the Control of any Person or Persons so exercising or assuming to exercise the Powers of Government, every such Person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall, upon being convicted thereof upon any Information or Indictment, be punished by Fine and Imprisonment, or either of them, at the Discretion of the Court before which such Offender shall be convicted."

Now, in order that none of Our Subjects may unwarily render themselves liable to the Penalties imposed by the said Statute, We do hereby strictly command, that no Person or Persons whatsoever do commit any Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, contrary to the Provisions of the said Statute, upon Pain of the several Penalties by the said Statute imposed, and of Our high Displeasure.

And We do hereby further warn all Our loving Subjects, and all Persons whatsoever entitled to Our Protection, that if any of them shall presume, in contempt of this Our Royal Proclamation, and of Our high Displeasure, to do any Acts in derogation of their Duty, as Subjects of a Neutral Sovereign in the said Contest, or in violation or contravention of the Law of Nations in that Behalf; as for Example, and more especially, by entering into the Military Service of either of the said contending Parties as Commissioned or Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers; or by serving as Officers, Sailors, or Marines on board any Ship or Vessel of War or Transport of or in the service of either of the said contending Parties; or by serving as Officers, Sailors, or Marines on board any Privateer bearing Letters of Marque of or from either of the said contending Parties; or by engaging to go or going to any Place beyond the Seas with Intent to enlist or engage in any such Service, or by procuring or attempting to procure, within Her Majesty's Dominions at home or abroad, others to do so; or by fitting out, arming, or equipping any Ship or Vessel to be employed as a Ship of War or Privateer or Transport by either of the said contending Parties; or by breaking or endeavouring to break any Blockade lawfully and actually established by or on behalf of either of the said contending Parties; or by carrying Officers, Soldiers, Despatches, Arms, Military Stores, or Materials, or any Article or Articles considered and deemed to be Contraband of War, according to the Law or Modern Usage of Nations, for the Use or Service of either of the said contending Parties, all Persons so offending will incur and be liable to the several Penalties and penal Consequences by the said Statute or by the Law of Nations in that Behalf imposed or denounced.

And We do hereby declare, that all Our Subjects, and Persons entitled to Our Protection, who may misconduct themselves in the Premises, will do so at their Peril and of their own Wrong, and that they will in nowise obtain any Protection from Us against any Liabilities or penal Consequences, but will, on the contrary, incur Our high Displeasure by such Misconduct.

Given at Our Court at the White Lodge, Richmond Park, this Thirteenth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the Twenty-fourth Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

### INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

ALL Subscriptions to this Fund forwarded to the Provincial Secretary, will be transmitted by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to the Bank of England, and be applied to the relief of the sufferers in our Indian Possessions.

S. L. TILLEY.

Secretary's Office, 27th May, 1861.