

At the Court at Windsor, the 29th day of  
December 1853,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to abolish, otherwise than by Treaty, on condition of reciprocity, differential duties on "Foreign Ships," it is provided that where it shall appear to Her Majesty that by the laws or regulations of any Foreign Power the trade and shipping of Great Britain, in the ports of such Foreign Power, have been placed upon the same footing as the trade and shipping of such Foreign Power, either absolutely or on condition of equal or like benefits being conceded to the vessels of such Foreign Power in the ports of Her Majesty, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order to be by Her made, with the advice of Her Privy Council, and to be published in the London Gazette, to order and declare that the trade and shipping of such Foreign Power shall have the benefit of the provisions of the said Act :

And whereas it appears to Her Majesty that by the regulations of the Roman States the trade and shipping of Great Britain, in the ports of the Roman States, have been placed on the same footing as the trade and shipping of the Roman States :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, the trade and shipping of the Roman States shall have the benefit of the provisions of the said recited Act.

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

WM. L. BATHURST.

At the Court at Windsor, the 29th day of  
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The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the fifteenth section of "The Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853," it was enacted that Her Majesty might, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, as circumstances might appear to Her Majesty to permit, reduce all or any of the tolls received by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses :

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the tolls received by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses in respect of coasting vessels may be reduced ;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, is pleased to direct, that the tolls received by the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses in respect of coasting vessels shall, on and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, be reduced as follows ; that is to say :— where the toll payable in respect of any such vessel upon passing or deriving benefit from any lighthouse is now fixed at the rate of one farthing per ton, such toll shall be at the rate of one-sixteenth of a penny per ton, and where such toll is now fixed at the rate of one half-penny per ton, it shall be at the rate of two-sixteenths of a penny per ton.

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The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the fifteenth section of "The Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853," it was enacted that Her Majesty might, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, from time to time, as circumstances might appear to Her Majesty to permit, reduce all or any of the lighthouse tolls received by the Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Port of Dublin Corporation ;

And whereas it has been made to appear to Her Majesty that the said lighthouse tolls may be reduced without injury to the services in respect of which such tolls are levied :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, is pleased to direct that the lighthouse tolls (as defined in the said Act) received by the Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses, and the Port of Dublin Corporation, shall, on and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, be reduced as follows ; that is to say :—

Until Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, may see fit otherwise to determine, there shall be allowed to every person paying such tolls, an abatement or discount upon the amount payable by him, which abatement or discount shall, in the case of every oversea vessel, be twenty-five per cent, and in the case of every coasting vessel, ten per cent.

WM. L. BATHURST.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
January 5, 1854.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, at Stockholm, enclosing a translation of a Royal Edict issued by the Government of Sweden and Norway, reducing the duties on salt and firewood, of which a copy is subjoined.

(Translation.)

Royal Proclamation relative to the reduction of import duties on salt and firewood :—

We, Oscar, &c., hereby make known that from considerations laid before us, we have thought fit to order :

That from this day inclusive to the end of the year 1854 salt may be imported into the kingdom at a reduced duty of 18 skillings banco a ton.

During the same period wood may also be imported on paying the following duties :—

Birch wood . . . . .	12 skillings a fathom.
Oak and beech wood . . . . .	18 " "
Other kinds of wood . . . . .	8 " "

Stockholm, 13th December 1853.

(Signed)

OSCAR.

(Countersigned)

PALMYSTERNA.

DUBLIN CASTLE, December 30, 1853.

The Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Robert Smyth, Esq. of Drumcree, to be a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Westmeath, vice Thomas James Fetherston H., Esq. deceased.