

"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 misdemeanour, 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.

in the Council-Chamber, Whitehall, the 10th day of March 1854,  
By the Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

By an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the eleventh and

twelfth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to renew and amend an Act of the tenth year of Her present Majesty, for the more speedy removal of certain nuisances, and the prevention of contagious and epidemic diseases," after reciting that it is expedient that when any part of the United Kingdom shall appear to be threatened with or affected by any formidable epidemic, endemic, or contagious disease, measures of precaution should be taken with promptitude, according to the exigency of the case; it is enacted, that in Great Britain His Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, or any three or more of them (the Lord President of the Council, or one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State being one), may, by Order or Orders to be by them from time to time made, direct that the provisions in the said Act contained for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases, be put in force in Great Britain, or in such parts thereof, or in such places therein respectively, as in such Order or Orders respectively may be expressed, and may, from time to time, as to all or any of the parts or places to which any such Order or Orders may extend, and in like manner revoke or renew any such Order; and, subject to revocation and renewal as aforesaid, every such Order shall be in force for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such Order shall be expressed.

And whereas, on the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, an Order was made by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, reciting that the United Kingdom appeared to be threatened with a formidable epidemic disease, and that a case had arisen for putting in force the provisions of the said Act, and directing, in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the provisions contained in the said hereinbefore recited Act, for the prevention of epidemic, endemic, and contagious diseases be put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain immediately from and after the date of the said Order; and it was further directed that the said Order should continue in force for six calendar months from and after the date thereof.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Order be renewed; Now therefore, it is hereby directed by the Lords and others of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council (of whom the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State is one), in pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in them as aforesaid, that the said Order of the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, be, and the same is hereby renewed for a period of six calendar months from and after the date of this present Order.

C. C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 9th day of March 1854,  
PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the "Foreign Deserters Act, 1852," it is provided that whenever it is made to appear to Her Majesty that due facilities are or will be given for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British Merchant Ships in the territories of any Foreign Power, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that seamen, not being slaves, who desert from Merchant Ships belonging to a subject of

