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WHITEHALL, May 25, 1866.

THE Queen has been pleased, by letters-patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the 24th instant, to grant unto Her Majesty's second son, His Royal Highness Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, K.G., K.T., and the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten, the dignities of Earl of Ulster, Earl of Kent, and Duke of Edinburgh.

FOREIGN OFFICE, May 25, 1866.

THE Earl of Clarendon, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has received from the Acting British Chargé d'Affaires at Lima, a Despatch, which encloses a Decree of the Peruvian Government, prohibiting, from the date thereof, the entry into the Ports of Peru of those Neutral Vessels which have furnished the Spanish Squadron with Fuel, Provisions, Articles of War, or which have been in communication with that Squadron:—

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MARIANO IGNACIO PRADO,
Jeje Supremo Provisorio de la Republica.

Considerando:

1º. Que en el estado de guerra en que se halla la Republica con el gobierno español, no es lícito á los neutrales proporcionar á los beligerantes medio alguno de hacer mas poderosas y eficaces sus hostilidades:

2º. Que el Peru tiene un perfecto derecho y está en el caso de privar al enemigo de todos los artículos que ha menester para continuar en actitud de guerra:

3º. Que es un hecho evidente que algunas embarcaciones con bandera neutral, han suministrado á los buques españoles carbon de piedra y otras provisiones, sin las cuales no habrian podido subsistir en el Pacifico:

4º. Que, asi quebrantada la neutralidad, á que están obligados los estraños, es indispensable emplear medidas que, sin negar al comercio legal los favores que necesita, pongan á los traficantes de mala fé en la imposibilidad de practicar acciones prohibidas:

Decreto:—

Art. unico. No es permitido arribar ni cargar, en los puertos y caletas en la Republica, á las embarcaciones neutrales que desde hoy propor-

cionen á los buques de la escuadra española, combustible, provisiones de boca, artículos de guerra o de cualquiera especie, o que se comuniquen con ella.

El Secretario de Estado en el despacho de Hacienda y Comercio queda encargado de la ejecucion de este decreto, y de hacerlo publicar y circular.

Dado en la casa de Gobierno en Lima á 5 de Abril de 1866. MARIANO I. PRADO.
M. PARDO.

(TRANSLATION.)

MARIANO IGNACIO PRADO,

Provisional Supreme Chief of the Republick.

Considering:

1st. That in the state of war in which the Republick is at present with the Spanish Government, it is illegal for neutrals to furnish the belligerents any means in making more powerful and efficient their hostilities:

2d. That Peru has a perfect right, and is under the necessity of keeping from the enemy all articles that assist in continuing the war:

3d. That it is an evident fact that several vessels under neutral flags have furnished to the Spanish vessels coal, and other provisions, without which they could not have remained in the Pacific:

4th. That thus violating the neutrality to which foreigners are bound, it is necessary to take those steps which, without refusing to legal commerce the favours they require, prevent the illegal traffickers from practising their prohibited trade:

I decree—

No neutral vessel which from this date furnishes to the vessels of the Spanish Squadron fuel, provisions, articles of war, or of any other kind, or which communicates with it, will be allowed to enter or load at the ports or creeks of the Republick.

The Secretary of State in the Office of Commerce is ordered to enforce this Decree, and to have it published and circulated.

Given in the Palace, at Lima, this 5th day of April 1866.

(Signed) MARO. IGNACIO PRADO

(Signed) M. PARDO.

