

ralty, dated the twenty-seventh of last month, in the words following, viz.

WHEREAS by the Act of the fifty-sixth of His Majesty, cap. 104, intituled "An Act for the making more effectual provision for the prevention of smuggling, and rewarding officers and persons making seizures, and capturing smuggling vessels; for licensing luggers employed in the North Sea fishery; and obliging exporters of excisable goods on drawback to give notice of shipment," it is provided, "that in case any ship or vessel liable to seizure or examination by that or any other Act of Parliament in force, shall not bring to on being required so to do, or being chased by any ship or vessel in His Majesty Navy, having the proper pendant and ensign of His Majesty's ships hoisted, or by any ship or vessel employed in the prevention of smuggling, under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, or the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise, having a pendant and ensign hoisted, of such description as His Majesty by any Order in Council, or by His Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall from time to time in that behalf order and direct, it shall and may be lawful for the Captain, Master, or other person having the charge or command of such ship or vessel in His Majesty's Navy, or employed as aforesaid (first causing a gun to be fired as a signal), to shoot at or into such ship or vessel so liable as aforesaid;"

And whereas we think it expedient, that all such ships and vessels employed in the prevention of smuggling as aforesaid, under our authority, or that of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise, should be allowed to wear, instead of the pendant and jack appointed by the Royal Proclamations, bearing date the eighteenth December one thousand seven hundred and two, and the first January one thousand eight hundred and one, to be worn by ships and vessels employed by the Commissioners for Customs and Excise, a pendant and ensign of the following description, viz.

A pendant with a red field, having a regal crown described thereon, at the upper part next the mast; and for an ensign, a red jack, with a union jack in a canton at the upper corner thereof next the staff, and with a regal crown described in the centre of the red jack; we beg leave, with all humility, to recommend to your Royal Highness, that your Royal Highness would be graciously pleased, by your Order in Council, or by your Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to direct and appoint, that all such ships and vessels as are or may be employed in the pre-

vention of smuggling, under our authority, or that of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise, shall be allowed to wear a pendant with a red field, having a regal crown described thereon, at the upper part next the mast; and for an ensign, a red jack, with a union jack in a canton at the upper corner thereof next the staff, and with a regal crown described in the centre of the red jack, instead of the pendant and ensign appointed by the Royal Proclamations, bearing date the eighteenth December one thousand seven hundred and two, and first January one thousand eight hundred and one, to be worn by ships and vessels employed for His Majesty's service by the Commissioners for Customs and Excise:

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed; and doth hereby direct and appoint, that all such ships and vessels as are or may be employed in the prevention of smuggling, under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, or that of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, or the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise, shall be allowed to wear a pendant with a red field, having a regal crown described thereon, at the upper part next the mast; and for an ensign, a red jack; with a union jack in a canton at the upper corner thereof next the staff, and with a regal crown described in the centre of the red jack, instead of the pendant and ensign appointed by the Royal Proclamations, bearing date the eighteenth December one thousand seven hundred and two, and first January one thousand eight hundred and one, to be worn by ships and vessels employed for His Majesty's service by the Commissioners for Customs and Excise:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Jas. Buller.*

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 27th of January 1817,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act for regulating the trade between the subjects of His Majesty's colonies and plantations in North America and in the West India Islands and the countries belonging to the United States of America, and between His Majesty's said subjects and the Foreign Islands in the West Indies," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty in Council, by Order or Orders to be issued and published from