

and Arthur Thistlewood, or either of them; to be paid upon the conviction of the person or persons so receiving or harbouring as aforesaid, which said several sums of five hundred pounds the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are hereby required and directed to pay accordingly.

Given at the Court at Carlton-House, the eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, in the fifty-seventh year of His Majesty's reign.

GOD save the KING.

The above-named James Watson is a Surgeon by profession, and has been employed in that capacity on board a Greenland ship: He is a young man, apparently about twenty-three or twenty-four years of age, but is only twenty, dark hair, rather pale complexion, five feet five inches high, has a mark or mole with a few hairs on it, on his left cheek bone near the eye, the left eyelid rather dropping over the eye, very faint remains of small pox in his face, has rather a wide mouth, and shews his teeth, (which are very black) when he laughs; he sometimes wore a brown great coat, black under coat, black waistcoat, drab breeches and long gaiters, and at other times he wore a black coat and waistcoat, blue pantaloons, and Hessian boots; his appearance shabby genteel: he formerly lodged in Hyde-Street, Bloomsbury.

Arthur Thistlewood is about forty-five years of age, five feet eleven inches high, has a sallow complexion, long visage, dark hair (a little grey), small whiskers, dark hazel eyes, and arched eyebrows, a wide mouth, and a good set of teeth, has a scar under his right jaw, is slender made, walks very upright, and has much the appearance of a military man; was born in Lincolnshire, and apprenticed to an apothecary at Newark, and has been a lieutenant in the army; he usually wore a French grey coloured coat, buff waistcoat, grey coloured Wellington pantaloons, with Hessian boots under them, and at times a dark brown great coat.

AT the Court at Carlton-House, the 1st of March 1817,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the present session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to continue and extend the provisions of an Act, of the forty-ninth year of His present Majesty, for regulating the trade and commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and also for regulating the trade of the Island of Mauritius;" His Majesty is authorised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be issued from time to time, to give such directions, and make such regulations touching the trade and commerce to and from all islands, colonies, or places, and the territories and dependencies thereof, to His Majesty

belonging or in His possession, in Africa, or Asia to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope (excepting only the possessions of the East India Company), as to His Majesty, in Council, shall appear most expedient and salutary, any thing contained in an Act, passed in the twelfth year of the reign of His Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled "An Act for the encouraging and increasing of shipping and navigation," or in an Act, passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King William the Third, intituled "An Act for preventing frauds, and regulating abuses in the plantation trade," or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force, relating to His Majesty's colonies and plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, law, usage or custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding: and whereas on the night of the twenty-fifth of September last, a dreadful fire broke out in the town of Port Lewis, in the Island of Mauritius, which totally destroyed the chief part of that town, together with a great mass of provisions and merchandise intended for the consumption and trade of its inhabitants, whereby a great number of families were reduced to extreme indigence, and left without a home; in consequence of which dreadful calamity the Governor of the said Island found himself compelled to open the ports of the Island to foreign vessels, in order to afford the speediest relief of which the case would admit, and thereby to save His Majesty's subjects residing in that colony from the greatest extremity of distress; and whereas it is expedient that facilities should in consequence be granted to the trade of the Island of Mauritius, for a limited time, with the view of giving still further relief to its suffering inhabitants; His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that all vessels, whether British or foreign vessels belonging to countries in amity with His Majesty, arriving at any port of the Island of Mauritius, or its dependencies, within twelve months from the date of this present Order, from any country in amity with His Majesty, laden with any articles the growth, production, or manufacture of any such country, excepting all articles composed of cotton, iron, steel, or wool of foreign manufacture, shall be permitted to enter and land their cargoes, and dispose of the same, in the said ports; provided always, that such articles, when imported in a foreign ship, shall pay a duty of two per cent. *ad valorem*, over and above what may be payable upon similar goods when imported in a British ship.

And it is further ordered, that every such vessel, arriving as aforesaid, shall be permitted to export a cargo, consisting of any articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the Island of Mauritius, or its dependencies, or of any other articles which shall have been legally imported there; and that all such articles so exported in foreign vessels, shall in like manner be subject to a duty of two per cent. *ad valorem*, over and above the duties (if any) which shall be payable on similar articles when exported from the Mauritius, or its dependencies, in British vessels.