

licence of His Majesty for that purpose first had and obtained as aforesaid, shall, by adding to the number of the guns of such vessel, or by changing those on board for other guns, or by the addition of any equipment for war, increase or augment, or procure to be increased or augmented, or shall be knowingly concerned in increasing or augmenting the warlike force of any ship or vessel of war, or cruizer, or other armed vessel, which at the time of her arrival in any part of the United Kingdom, or any of His Majesty's dominions, was a ship of war, cruizer, or armed vessel, in the service of any foreign prince, state, or potentate, or of any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, any powers of government, in or over any colony, province, or part of any province or people belonging to the subjects of any such prince, state, or potentate, or to the inhabitants of any colony, province, or part of any province or country, under the controul of any person or persons, so exercising, or assuming to exercise, the powers of government, every such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon being convicted thereof, upon any information or indictment, be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the court before which such offender shall be convicted."

His Majesty, therefore, being resolved to cause the provisions of the said statute to be effectually put in execution, and being desirous that none of His Majesty's subjects should unwarily subject themselves to the penalties thereby inflicted, hath thought fit, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to issue this His Royal Proclamation, and doth hereby strictly command, that no person or persons whatsoever do presume to commit or attempt any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, contrary to the provisions of the said statute, and the true intent and meaning thereof, and that the said provisions of the said statute be punctually observed and kept, upon pain of the several penalties by the said statute inflicted upon offenders against the same, and of His Majesty's high displeasure.

Given at Our Court at Carlton-House, this sixth day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourth year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 21st of July 1823,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of His present Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to authorise His Majesty, under certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and drawbacks on goods imported or exported in foreign vessels, and to exempt certain foreign vessels from pilotage," His Majesty is autho-

rised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by any Order or Orders in Council, in all cases in which British vessels, of less burthen than sixty tons, are not required by law to take pilots, to exempt foreign vessels, being of less burthen than sixty tons, from taking on board a pilot to conduct them into or from any of the ports of the United Kingdom, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding; His Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in him by the said Act, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the date of this Order, all vessels belonging to the subjects of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, and being of less burthen than sixty tons, which shall enter in or clear out from any of the ports of the United Kingdom, shall be, and they are hereby exempted from taking on board a pilot to conduct them into or from any such port, in all cases where British vessels, being of less burthen than sixty tons, are not required by law to take pilots, any law, custom, or usage to the contrary notwithstanding: and the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Jas. Buller.*

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 21st of July 1823,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade between His Majesty's possessions in America and the West Indies, and other places in America and the West Indies," certain articles enumerated in the schedule B annexed to the said Act, are permitted to be imported into certain ports in His Majesty's said dominions; and whereas some of the said articles are subject, on importation into the said ports, to the payment of certain duties, according to the rates set forth in schedule C annexed to the said Act; and whereas by an Act, passed in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to authorise His Majesty, under certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and drawbacks on goods imported or exported in foreign vessels, and to exempt certain foreign vessels from pilotage," His Majesty is authorised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majesty's Order or Orders in Council, to be published from time to time in the London Gazette, whenever it shall be deemed expedient, to levy and charge any additional duty or duties of Customs, or to withhold the payment of any drawbacks, bounties, or allowances upon any goods, wares, or merchandise imported into or exported from the United Kingdom, or imported into or exported from any of His Majesty's dominions, in vessels belonging to any foreign country in which higher duties shall have been levied, or smaller drawbacks, bounties, or allowances granted upon goods, wares, or merchandise when imported into or exported from such foreign country in