

allowances so to be withheld as aforesaid, shall not be of greater amount than may be deemed fairly to countervail the difference of duty, drawback, bounty, or allowance paid or granted on goods, wares, or merchandise imported into or exported from such foreign country in British vessels, more or less than the duties, drawbacks, bounties, or allowances there charged or granted upon similar goods, wares, or merchandise imported into or exported from such foreign country in vessels of such country; and whereas British vessels entering the ports of the United States, from the ports of His Majesty's possessions in America, or the West Indies, with cargoes consisting of articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the said possessions, are charged with a duty of one dollar per ton for tonnage duties and light money, and a discriminating duty of ten per cent. is charged on the cargoes of such vessels, to which vessels of the United States, and cargoes of the same description, entering the ports of those States from the ports of the said dominions are not subject; His Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in him by the said last recited Act, 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 there shall be charged on all vessels of the United States which shall enter any of the ports of His Majesty's possessions in America, or the West Indies, with articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the said States, a duty of four shillings and three pence sterling for each and every ton burthen of such vessels, equal (as nearly as may be) to ninety-four cents of the money of the United States, and being the difference between the tonnage duty payable by vessels of the United States and British vessels entering any of the ports of the said United States, from any ports of His Majesty's dominions in America or the West Indies above enumerated, and further an addition of ten per cent. upon the duties set forth in table C above referred to, on any of the articles therein enumerated, which may be imported in any such vessel of the said States; such duties to be levied, collected, and applied in the same manner, and to the same purposes, as the duties levied under the authority of the said Act of the third year of His Majesty's reign: and the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Jas. Buller.*

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION,

*For giving Currency to the Double Sovereign, or Gold Two Pound Piece.*

GEORGE, R.

**W**HEREAS We have thought fit to order, that certain pieces of gold money should be coined, which should be called "double sovereigns," or gold two pound pieces," each of which should be of the value of forty shillings, and that each

piece should be of the weight of ten pennyweights six grains, and  $\frac{5480}{10000}$  troy weight of standard gold, according to the weights approved of and confirmed by Us in Council, in pursuance of an Act made in the fourteenth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for regulating and ascertaining the weights to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this Kingdom:" And We have further thought fit to order, that every such double sovereign, or gold two pound piece, so ordered to be coined as aforesaid, shall have for the obverse impression Our effigy, with the inscription "Georgius III, D: G: Britanniar: Rex F: D:" and for the reverse the image of Saint George, sitting on horseback, attacking the dragon, and the date of the year, and on the edge of the piece, in raised letters, the words "Decus et Tutamen. Anno Regni," with the year of the reign: And whereas pieces of gold money of the above description have been coined at Our Mint, and will be coined there, in pursuance of orders which We have given for that purpose; We have, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that the said pieces of gold money so coined, and to be coined as aforesaid, shall be current and lawful money of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and shall be called "double sovereigns," or "gold two pound pieces," and shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and every of such double sovereigns not weighing less than ten pennyweights five grains, shall pass and be received as current and lawful money of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, every such double sovereigns of the value of forty shillings of like lawful money, in all payments whatsoever.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the nineteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, and in the fourth year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

*War-Office, 24th October 1823.*

MEMORANDUM.

His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the Regiments specified underneath, bearing on their colours and appointments, in addition to any other badges or devices which may have heretofore been granted to those Regiments, the distinctions under mentioned, viz.

11th Foot, the words,

"Pyrennees,"

"Nive," and

"Orthes,"

in commemoration of the distinguished services of that Regiment in the Pyrennees, in the month of July 1813; in the passage of the Nive, on the 9th, 10th, and 11th December 1813; and at Orthes, on 27th February 1814.