

people, as a transport or store ship, or with intent to cruise or commit hostilities against any prince, state, or potentate, or against the subjects or citizens of any prince, state, or potentate, or against the persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, the powers of government in any colony, province, or part of any province or country, or against the inhabitants of any foreign colony, province, or part of any province or country, with whom His Majesty shall not then be at war, or shall, within the United Kingdom, or any of His Majesty's dominions, or in any settlement, colony, territory, island, or place belonging or subject to His Majesty, issue or deliver any commission for any ship or vessel, to the intent that such ship or vessel shall be employed as aforesaid, every such person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and shall, upon conviction thereof, upon any information or indictment, be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either of them, at the discretion of the court in which such offender shall be convicted, and every such ship or vessel, with the tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all the materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may belong to, or be on board of, any such ship or vessel, shall be forfeited; and it shall be lawful for any officer of His Majesty's customs or excise, or any officer of His Majesty's navy, who is by law empowered to make seizures for any forfeiture, incurred under any of the laws of customs or excise, or the laws of trade and navigation, to seize such ships and vessels aforesaid, and in such places, and in such manner in which the officers of His Majesty's customs or excise, and the officers of His Majesty's navy, are empowered respectively to make seizures under the laws of customs and excise, or under the laws of trade and navigation, and that every such ship and vessel, with the tackle, apparel, and furniture, together with all the materials, arms, ammunition, and stores which may belong to or be on board of such ship or vessel, may be prosecuted and condemned in the like manner, and in such courts as ships or vessels may be prosecuted and condemned, for any breach of the laws made for the protection of the revenues of customs and excise, or of the laws of trade and navigation;”

His Majesty, therefore, being desirous of preserving to his subjects the blessings of peace which they now happily enjoy, and being resolved to persevere in that system of neutrality which His Majesty has so repeatedly declared his determination

to maintain; in order that none of His Majesty's subjects may unwarily render themselves liable to the penalties imposed by the Statute herein mentioned, has thought fit, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to issue this His Royal Proclamation:

And His Majesty does hereby strictly command that no person or persons whatsoever do presume to take part in any of the said contests, or to commit or attempt any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, contrary to the provisions of the said Statute, upon pain of the several penalties by the said Statute imposed, and of His Majesty's high displeasure:

And His Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, doth hereby enjoin all His Majesty's subjects, strictly to observe, as well towards the Ottoman Porte and the Greeks, as towards all other belligerents with whom His Majesty is at peace, the duties of neutrality; and to respect in all, and each of them, the exercise of those belligerent rights, which His Majesty has always claimed to exercise, when His Majesty has himself been unhappily engaged in war.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and in the sixth year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 30th of September 1825.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament was passed in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled “ An Act to empower His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of salt-petre, and to enforce the law for empowering His Majesty to prohibit the exportation of gun-powder, or any sort of arms and ammunition, and also to empower His Majesty to restrain the carrying coastwise of salt-petre, gun-powder, or any sort of arms or ammunition;” and His Majesty judging it necessary to prohibit the exportation of cannon, mortars, howitzers, carronades, and all carriages and other appurtenances for the use of the same, and all cannon-balls, bombs, grenades, cannister-shot, Con-