

pendent thereupon, and so far as respects the island of Mauritius, and the several islands and territories belonging thereto, or dependent thereupon, and so far as respects the island of Ceylon, and the several islands and territories belonging thereto, and dependent thereupon, shall absolutely cease and determine, upon and from the first day of March, which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven: provided also, and His Majesty doth farther, with the advice aforesaid, declare that the privileges so granted as aforesaid to the ships of the said United States, so far as respects His Majesty's settlements in the island of New Holland, and the several islands and territories belonging thereto, and dependent thereupon, and so far as respects the island of Van Diemens Land, and the several islands and territories belonging thereto, and dependent thereupon, shall absolutely cease and determine upon and from the first day of May, which will be in the said year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven: provided also, that nothing in this present Order contained, extends, or shall be construed to extend, to infringe or interfere with the Convention of Commerce and Navigation, concluded between His late Majesty King George the Third and the United States of America, bearing date the third day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifteen; or the further Convention of Commerce and Navigation, concluded between His said late Majesty and the United States of America, bearing date the twentieth day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; or to prevent ships of the said United States from importing into any of the British possessions in Europe, or from exporting from such British possessions in Europe, any goods which, under or by virtue of the said Conventions, or either of them, or of the several Acts of Parliament made for carrying such Conventions into effect, can or may be lawfully imported into or exported from such British possessions in Europe in the ships of the said United States. And whereas, by a certain Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of His present Majesty, 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," it is, among other things, enacted, "that it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majesty's Order or Orders in Council, 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 British vessels, than are levied or granted upon similar goods, wares, and merchandise when imported or exported in vessels of such country;"

and it is thereby provided, "that such additional or countervailing duties so to be imposed, and drawbacks, bounties, or 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 by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fifth year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled "An Act to indemnify all persons concerned in advising, issuing, or acting under a certain Order in Council, for regulating the tonnage duties on certain foreign vessels, and to amend an Act of the last session of Parliament, for authorising His Majesty, under certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and drawbacks on goods imported or exported in any foreign vessels," it is, among other things, enacted, "that it shall and may be lawful to and for His Majesty, 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 or countervailing duty or duties of tonnage upon or in respect of any vessels which shall enter any of the ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of His Majesty's dominions, and which shall belong to any foreign country in which any duties of tonnage shall have been or shall be levied upon or in respect of British vessels entering the ports of such country, higher or greater than are levied or granted upon or in respect of the vessels of such country: and it is thereby provided, that such additional or countervailing tonnage duties, so to be levied and charged as aforesaid, shall not be of greater amount than may be deemed fairly to countervail the difference of duty paid in such foreign country upon or in respect of the tonnage of British vessels more than the duty there charged or granted upon or in respect of the vessels of such country:" and whereas British vessels entering the ports of the United States aforesaid 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 upon the cargoes of such vessels, to which vessels of the United States, and cargoes of the same description, entering the ports of the United States from the ports of His Majesty's said possessions, are not subject; His Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in him by the said Acts of Parliament, passed in the fourth and fifth years of His Majesty's reign, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that there shall be charged on all