

“ Act to enable His Majesty to fix a rate and direct the disposal of freight money for the conveyance of specie and jewels on board His Majesty's ships and vessels,” it is enacted, that from and after the eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, all freight money to be paid for the conveyance on board any of the ships and vessels of His Majesty, of gold, silver, and jewels, or of any other article which may by special order be received on board, and for which freight shall be payable, shall be paid at such rate and be distributed and applied for such purposes, and divided to and amongst such persons in such proportions and after such manner as His Majesty, His heirs and successors should from time to time think fit to order and direct by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued for that purpose; in pursuance of which Act a Proclamation was on the twelfth day of July following; made and issued by His Royal Highness the then Prince Regent, in the name and on the behalf of His said Majesty, whereby, amongst other things, a scale of rates at which freights should be payable for public and for private treasure respectively, in peace and war and for different voyages, was fixed and established; and whereas We have thought fit to order that the said rates should be altered, We have, therefore, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, deemed it expedient to issue this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby ordain, declare, and command, that from and after the first day of September next, the said scale of rates so fixed shall cease and be no longer in force; and We do further declare, that from thenceforth the following rates shall be established during peace and war :

	For Crown Treasure.		For Treasure belonging to other Parties.	
	Peace and War.			
	Gold or Jewels.		Silver.	
	Per Cent.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.	Per Ct.
Between any two ports the navigable distance between which shall not exceed six hundred leagues	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	1	
Between any two ports the navigable distance between which shall exceed six hundred leagues, and shall be less than two thousand leagues	1	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
For any distance of two thousand leagues and upwards	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	

And it is further established and declared, that such freight shall be payable, clear of all deduction whatsoever; and that it shall be stipulated in the bill of lading, that the Captains and Commanding Officers of Our ships and vessels shall not be liable to any expences attending the shipment of such treasure or other articles, until the same shall be safe alongside of their respective ships or vessels; and that their liability shall cease from the moment they

shall have landed the treasure at the port to which the ships carrying the treasure shall be destined.

And it is further declared, that in all other respects, save what is hereby altered, the said Proclamation of the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and the rates and regulations thereby established, shall continue in full force.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this twenty-third day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and in the first year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

WILLIAM, R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit to order that certain pieces of money should be coined, that is to say, certain pieces of gold money, to be called respectively double sovereigns, sovereigns, and half sovereigns; and certain pieces of silver money, to be called respectively crowns, half crowns, shillings, and sixpences; and certain pieces of copper money, to be called respectively pence, half pence, and farthings; to be of the several values and weights hereinafter particularly described, that is to say, the double sovereigns to be each of the value of forty shillings, and of the weight of ten pennyweights, six grains, and $\frac{1}{10}$ troy weight, of standard gold; and the sovereigns each of the value of twenty shillings, and of the weight of five pennyweights, three grains, and $\frac{1}{10}$ troy weight, of standard gold; and the half sovereigns each of the value of ten shillings, and of the weight of two pennyweights, thirteen grains, $\frac{1}{10}$ troy weight, of standard gold, according to the weight approved of and confirmed by Our Royal Brother, His late Majesty King George the Fourth, in Council, in pursuance of an Act, made in the fourteenth year of the reign of Our Royal Father King George the Third, intituled “ An Act for regulating and ascertaining the weight to be made use of in weighing the gold and silver coin of this kingdom:” and whereas by an Act, passed in the fifteenth year of the reign of Our Royal Father, His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled “ An Act to provide for a new silver coinage, and to regulate the gold and silver coinage of the realm,” the Master and Worker of Our Mint in London was empowered to coin silver bullion into silver coins, consisting of crowns, half crowns, shillings, and sixpences, of the standard of eleven ounces and two pennyweights of fine silver and eighteen pennyweights of alloy to the pound troy, and in weight after the rate of sixty-six shillings to the pound troy: and whereas, in virtue of the power so given, a coinage of crowns or five shilling pieces, half crowns or pieces of the value of two shillings and sixpence each, at the rate and of the standard aforesaid, has been made, as well as a coinage of copper pieces, called respectively pence, half pence, and farthings: and whereas We have further ordered that such double sovereigns shall