

tenance of peace and due subordination amongst them; and it is expedient that effect should be given to such reasonable demands of the said Chinese Government; now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, and in execution of the powers thereby in His Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, it is hereby ordered by His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that all the powers and authorities which, on the twenty-first day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, shall by law be vested in the Supra Cargoes of the United Company of Merchants trading to the East Indies, over and in respect of the trade and commerce of His Majesty's subjects at the port of Canton, shall be, and the same are hereby, vested in the Superintendents for the time being appointed under and by virtue of the said Act of Parliament; and that all regulations which, on the said twenty-first day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, shall be in force touching the said trade and commerce, save so far as the same are repealed or abrogated by the said Act of Parliament, or by any commission and instructions, or Orders in Council, issued or made by His Majesty in pursuance thereof, or are inconsistent therewith, shall continue in full force and virtue; and that all such penalties, forfeitures, or imprisonments as might, on the said twenty-first day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, be incurred or enforced for the breach of such then existing regulations; shall thenceforth be, in like manner, incurred and enforced for the breach of the same regulations, so far as the same are hereby revived and continued in force as aforesaid; and that all such penalties, forfeitures, or imprisonments, when so incurred, shall be enforced in manner following, that is to say, either by such ways and means by which the same might, on the said twenty-first of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, have been lawfully enforced, or by the sentence and adjudication of the Court of Justice established at Canton aforesaid, under and in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament:

Provided also, and it is further declared, that the regulations herein contained, are and shall be considered as provisional only, and as intended to continue in force only until His Majesty shall be pleased to make such further or other order in the premises, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament, as to His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, may hereafter seem salutary or expedient, in reference to such further information and experience

as may hereafter be derived from the future course of the said trade.

And it is hereby further ordered, that the said Superintendents shall compile and publish, for the information of all whom it may concern, the several regulations hereby established and confirmed, as aforesaid; and that such publication, when so made with the authority of the said Superintendents, shall, for all purposes, be deemed and taken to be legal and conclusive evidence of the existence and of the terms of any such regulation:

And it is further ordered, that the said Superintendents shall, on the arrival of any British ship or vessel at the port of Canton aforesaid, cause to be delivered to the master, commander, or other principal officer of such ship or vessel, a copy of such regulations; and that every such master, commander, or other officer, together with every other person arriving in or being on board any such ship, shall be bound, and is hereby required, to conform himself to such regulations:

And the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. C. Greville.

At the Court at Brighton, the 9th day of December 1833.

PRESENT.

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the third and fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade to China and India," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any such Order or Orders as to His Majesty in Council shall appear expedient and salutary, to create a Court of Justice with criminal and Admiralty jurisdiction, for the trial of offences committed by His Majesty's subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China, and the ports and havens thereof, and on the high seas within one hundred miles of the coast of China, and to appoint one of the Superintendents in the said Act mentioned to be the Officer to hold such Court, and other Officers for executing the process thereof; now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, and in execution of the powers thereby in His Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, it is hereby ordered