

“ hundred and thirty-seven, certain duties on sugar imported into the United Kingdom, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six,” it was, among other things, enacted, that, on and from and after the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto His Majesty, His heirs and successors, among other duties of Customs therein mentioned, the duty on sugar, being the growth of any British possession within the limits of the East India Company’s charter, into which the importation of foreign sugar might be by that Act prohibited, and imported from thence, of one pound four shillings (£1 4s.) the hundred weight :

And by the same Act it was further enacted, that before any sugar should be entered, as being of the produce of a British possession, at the lower rate of duty fixed by that Act (being the said duty of one pound four shillings the hundred weight), the master of the ship importing the same should deliver to the Collector or Controller of the Customs at the port of importation, a certificate, under the hand and seal of the Collector of Sea Customs of the port where such sugar was taken on board, being a British possession, testifying that there had been produced to him by the shipper of such sugar a certificate, under the hand and seal of the Collector, or Assistant Collector, of the Land or Custom Revenue of the district within which such sugar was produced, that such sugar was of the produce of the district, and that the importation into such district of foreign sugar, or sugar, the growth of any British possession into which foreign sugar could be legally imported, was prohibited; which certificate so granted by the said Collector of Sea Customs should state the name of the district in which such sugars were produced, their quantity and quality, the number and denomination of the packages containing the same, and the name of the ship in which they were laden, and of the master thereof; and that such master should also make a declaration before the Collector or Controller that such certificate was received by him at the place where such sugar was taken on board, and that the sugar so imported was the same as was mentioned therein :

And it was by the said Act further enacted, that it should be lawful for the Governor General of India in Council to appoint any officer or officers

other than the said Collector and Assistant Collector of Land Revenue and the Collector of the Customs, to give such certificates :

And whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the seventh year of the reign of His said late Majesty King William the Fourth, and the first year of the reign of Her Majesty, it was, among other things, enacted, that the duties imposed on sugar by the said hereinbefore recited Act should be further continued until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight :

And whereas by another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the first and second years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, certain duties on sugar imported into the United Kingdom, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight,” the said duties on sugar were continued until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine :

And whereas by another Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the second and third years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty, certain duties on sugar which should be imported into the United Kingdom, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine,” the said duties on sugar were further continued until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty :

And by the same Act it was enacted, that if, at any time, satisfactory proof shall have been laid before Her Majesty in Council that the importation of foreign sugar into any British possession, within the limits of the East India Company’s charter, was prohibited, it should be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, or by Her Majesty’s Order in Council, to be published, from time to time, in the London Gazette, to allow the importation of sugar, the growth of any such British possession, at the lower rate of duty in the said first and therein and hereinbefore recited Act :

And whereas by an Ordinance enacted by the Governor of Ceylon, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that island, dated the twenty-third day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty, the importation of foreign sugar, and of any sugar which may be the growth of any