

in whose favour such remission of duties, or such drawbacks, bounties, or allowances shall be granted, are charged with the same duties, and are allowed the same drawbacks, bounties, or allowances when imported into, or exported from, such foreign country in British vessels, as are levied or allowed on similar goods, wares, and merchandize when imported or exported in vessels of such country.

And whereas by an Act, made in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of Her present Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to carry into effect certain stipulations contained in a Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Her Majesty and the Emperor of Austria, and to enable Her Majesty to declare, by Order in Council, that ports, which are the most natural and convenient shipping ports of states within whose dominions they are not situated, may, in certain cases, be considered, for all purposes of trade with Her Majesty's dominions, as the national ports of such states," it was, amongst other things, enacted, that, from and after the passing of the said Act, notwithstanding any thing contained in an Act, passed in the session of Parliament of the third and fourth years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the encouragement of British shipping and navigation," it should be lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, to declare by Her Order in Council, to be published in the London Gazette, "that any port or ports to be named in such Order, being the most convenient port or ports for shipping the produce of any state to be also named in such Order, shall, although not situated within the dominions of such state, be port or ports for the use of the ships of such state in the trade of such ships with all parts of the British dominions, or with any part or parts of the same named and limited in such Order, in as full and ample a manner as if such port or ports were within the dominions of such state; and thereupon, and for so long a time as such Order shall be declared to be in force, or shall remain unrevoked, it shall be lawful to import into the British dominions, or into such parts of the same as shall be named and limited in such Order, from such port or ports, in the ships of such state, any goods which, by the laws in force at the time of such importation, might then be imported in such ships

"from a port of the country to which they belonged, and so to import such goods upon the like terms as the same could there be imported from the national ports of such ships:"

And whereas a Convention of Commerce and Navigation was entered into between Her Majesty and the King of Prussia and the other Members of the German Union of Customs, on the second March last, by which British vessels are admitted, together with their cargoes, to entry in the ports of Prussia and of the other States of the aforementioned Union of Customs, when coming from the ports of all countries;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased, in pursuance of the power and authority in Her vested by the said Statutes, to order and declare, and doth hereby order and declare, that Prussian vessels, and the vessels of the other States forming the said Union of Customs, together with their cargoes, consisting of all such goods as can be legally imported into the United Kingdom and the British possessions abroad, by the said vessels, from the ports of the countries to which they respectively belong, shall, when coming from the mouths of the Meuse, of the Ems, of the Weser, and of the Elbe, or from the mouths of any navigable river lying between the Elbe and the Meuse, and forming the means of communication between the sea and the territory of any of the German States which are parties to this Treaty, be admitted into the ports of the United Kingdom and of the British possessions abroad, in as full and ample a manner as if the ports, from which such vessels may have come as aforesaid, were within the dominions of Prussia or of any other of the States aforesaid; and such vessels shall be permitted to import the goods above mentioned, upon the same terms on which the said goods might be imported if coming from the national ports of such vessels; and also that, in like manner, such vessels, proceeding from Great Britain and her colonial possessions abroad to the ports or places thus referred to, shall be treated as if returning to a Prussian Baltic port; it being understood, that these privileges are to extend to the vessels of Prussia and of the States aforesaid, and to their cargoes, only in respect to each of the said ports in which British vessels and their cargoes shall, upon their arrival thereat and departure therefrom, continue to be placed upon