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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1842.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 2d day of
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PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade of the British possessions abroad," after reciting that, by the Law of Navigation, foreign ships are permitted to import into any of the British possessions abroad, from the countries to which they belong, goods, the produce of those countries, and to export goods from such possessions, to be carried to any foreign country whatever; and that it is expedient that such permission should be subject to certain conditions, it is enacted, that the privileges thereby granted to foreign ships shall be limited to the ships of those countries which, having colonial possessions, shall grant the like privileges of trading with those possessions to British ships, or which, not having colonial possessions, shall place the commerce and navigation of this country, and of its possessions abroad, upon the footing of the most favoured nation, unless His Majesty, by His Order in Council, shall in any case deem it expedient to grant the whole or any of such privileges to the ships of any foreign country, although the con-

ditions aforesaid shall not, in all respects, be fulfilled by such foreign country; and it is thereby provided, that no foreign country shall be deemed to have fulfilled the before-mentioned conditions, or to be entitled to the privileges aforesaid, unless and until His Majesty shall, by some Order or Orders to be by Him made, by the advice of His Privy Council, have declared that such foreign country hath so fulfilled the said conditions, and is entitled to the said privileges :

And whereas it hath been made to appear to the satisfaction of Her Majesty in Council, that the Government of Portugal hath fulfilled the conditions hereinbefore mentioned :

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers in Her Majesty in Council by the said recited Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth declare, and it is hereby declared accordingly, that the Government of Portugal hath fulfilled the conditions hereinbefore mentioned; and that Portuguese ships may import into any of the British possessions abroad, from the Portuguese dominions, goods, the produce of the Portuguese dominions, and may export goods from such possessions, to be carried to any foreign country whatever; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent Portuguese ships from trading with any of the British possessions in Europe, to such extent and