

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 Treaty of Commerce and Navigation has been concluded between Her Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias, and the same was signed on the eleventh day of January of the present year, and the ratifications thereof were exchanged on the thirty-first day of the same month; and by the said Treaty, in consideration that British ships, arriving directly from other countries than those belonging to the High Contracting Parties, are admitted, with their cargoes, into the ports of the Russian empire without paying any other duties whatsoever than those payable by Russian vessels; and in consideration of the advantages which in this respect the said Treaty specifically grants to British commerce in the Grand Duchy of Finland; it is agreed that, from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the said Treaty, Russian vessels, arriving from the mouth of the Vistula, the Niemen, or any other river which forms the outlet of a navigable stream having its source in the dominions of His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias, or passing through the said dominions, shall be admitted, with their cargoes, into the ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of all the possessions of Her Britannic Majesty, exactly in the same manner as if those vessels arrived directly from Russian or Finnish ports, with all the privileges or immunities agreed upon by the said Treaty of Navigation and Commerce; and that, in like manner, Russian vessels, proceeding from any port of Great Britain, or of the British possessions, for the mouth of any of the above-mentioned rivers, shall be treated as if they were returning to a port of the empire of Russia, or of the Grand Duchy of Finland; it is, however, by the said Treaty declared to be understood, that these privileges

shall apply to Russian vessels only so long as British vessels and their cargoes shall be treated at those places, on their arrival and departure, on the same footing with Russian vessels:

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 hereinbefore-recited Act, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling Her in that behalf, to order and declare, that Russian vessels arriving from the ports or mouths of the Vistula, the Niemen, or any other river which forms the outlet of a navigable stream having its source in the dominions of His Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias, or passing through the said dominions, shall be admitted, with their cargoes, into the ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of all the possessions of Her Majesty, exactly in the same manner, and with the same privileges and immunities, as if such vessels arrived directly from Russian ports, or from ports in the Grand Duchy of Finland; and that, in like manner, Russian vessels, proceeding from any part of the United Kingdom, or of the British possessions, to the ports or mouths of any of the rivers above-mentioned or described, shall be treated as if they were returning to a port of the empire of Russia, or of the Grand Duchy of Finland; provided, nevertheless, that these privileges shall apply to Russian vessels only so long as British vessels, and their cargoes, shall be treated at those places, on their arrival and departure, on the same footing with Russian vessels:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions therein accordingly.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 24th day of *February* 1843,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign,