

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*C. C. Greville.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 2d day of *October* 1843,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS in pursuance of a certain Act of Parliament, made and passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade to China and India," His said late Majesty was pleased, on the ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, to issue, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, a certain Order for the government and trade of His Majesty's subjects at Canton, in the dominions of the Emperor of China; and a certain other Order for the appointment of 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, to be holden at Canton, or on board any British ship or vessel in the port or harbour of Canton; and whereas, in pursuance of the provisions of the above-recited Act, Her Majesty was pleased, on the fourth day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, to issue, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, a certain Order, directing that the court of justice as aforesaid should be held in the island of Hong Kong, for the purposes aforesaid; and was further pleased, on the twenty-fourth day of February one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, to issue, with the advice aforesaid, a certain other Order, prohibiting Her Majesty's subjects from resorting, for the purposes of trade, to any other ports in the dominions of the Emperor of China than were specified in the said Order; and whereas by an Act, made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act for the better government of Her Majesty's subjects resorting to China," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by any commission or commissions under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any instructions under Her Majesty's signet and sign manual, accompanying and referred to in any such commission or commissions, to authorize the superintendent of the trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China (so long as such superintendent shall be also the governor of the island of Hong Kong) to enact, with the advice of the legislative council of

the said island of Hong Kong, all such laws and ordinances as may, from time to time, be required for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China; and that it shall also be lawful for Her Majesty, by any Order or Orders, made with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, to ordain, for the government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China, any law or ordinance which to Her Majesty in Council may seem meet, as fully and effectually as any such law or ordinance could be made by Her Majesty in Council, for the government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the said island of Hong Kong:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by a commission and instruction, issued by Her Majesty on the twenty-sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her Majesty as aforesaid, to authorize Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart., Chief Superintendent of the trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China, and Governor of Her Majesty's island of Hong Kong, to enact, with the advice aforesaid, all such laws and ordinances as may, from time to time, be required for the peace, order, and good government of Her Majesty's subjects, being within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or being within any ship or vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China, and to enforce the execution of such laws and ordinances by such penalties and forfeitures as to him, by and with the advice aforesaid, shall seem fit: now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers in Her Majesty vested by the said recited Acts of Parliament, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that if any law or ordinance, made in pursuance of the said last-recited Act of Parliament of the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, shall be in anywise repugnant to, or at variance with, the said recited Orders in Council, or any of them, then such law or ordinance, so long as the same shall be in force, shall be obeyed and observed, anything in the said recited Orders in Council contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding:

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Aberdeen, and the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; and the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

*C. C. Greville.*