

forth, and shall be free from such duty; and that, from and after the time mentioned in such Order for the commencement of such exemption, not being less than six months from the date thereof, such exemption shall take effect, and such article shall thenceforth, while such Order shall continue in force, be free from such duty accordingly; and that any such Order may at any time be suspended or revoked by Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any other Order in Council:

And whereas pot and pearl ashes, and specimens illustrative of natural history, are not enumerated in the said table of duties, neither are they comprized or referred to in the said table of exemptions:

And whereas Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, hath deemed it expedient that pot and pearl ashes, and specimens illustrative of natural history, should be exempted from the duties imposed by the said recited Act:

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the said Act of Parliament, and in exercise of the powers thereby in Her Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered accordingly, that pot and pearl ashes, and specimens illustrative of natural history, shall be, and the same are hereby, added to the list of exemptions in the said recited Act set forth; and that, from and after the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, pot and pearl ashes, and specimens illustrative of natural history, shall be free from such duty, as fully and effectually as if such articles had been inserted and enumerated in the said table at the time of passing the said Act:

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Wm. L. Bathurst.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 20th day of *November* 1845,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty,

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 in Asia, Africa, or America, 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 Her Majesty, by Her 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 conditions aforesaid shall not in all respects be fulfilled by such foreign country:

And whereas the said conditions have not in all respects been fulfilled by the Government of France; but, nevertheless, Her Majesty and divers of Her royal predecessors have, from time to time, by divers Orders in Council, granted certain of the privileges aforesaid to the ships of France, in respect of certain of Her Majesty's possessions, in such Orders particularly mentioned:

And whereas the said Orders in Council do not, nor doth any of them, extend to Her Majesty's island of Saint Helena:

And whereas it is expedient that the same privileges should be granted to French vessels, trading with the said island, as to French vessels trading with such other of Her Majesty's possessions as aforesaid:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that it shall be lawful for French ships to import into the said island of Saint Helena, from the dominions of France, such goods, being the produce of those dominions, and to export from the said island to any foreign country such goods as they are permitted to import or to export, respectively, into or from Her Majesty's possessions in the West Indies and America,