

present Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade of the British possessions abroad," it is, amongst other things, enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any Order or Orders in Council to be issued from time to time, to give such directions and make such regulations touching the trade and commerce to and from any British possession on or near the continent of Europe, or within the Mediterranean Sea, or in Africa, or within the limits of the East India Company's charter (excepting the possessions of the said Company), as to Her Majesty in Council shall appear most expedient and salutary.

And whereas, Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council doth deem it expedient and salutary to make the several regulations hereinafter contained touching the trade and commerce of Her Majesty's colony of Sierra Leone.

1st. Now, therefore, Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and exercise of the power so vested in Her, as aforesaid, by the said recited Act of Parliament, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the several sorts of goods enumerated or described in the table following, denominated "a Table of Prohibitions and Restrictions," are hereby prohibited to be imported or brought into the said colony, or shall be so imported or brought only under the restrictions mentioned in such table, according as the several sorts of such goods are set forth therein, that is to say:

*A Table of Prohibitions and Restrictions.*

Gunpowder, arms, ammunition, or utensils of war; Prohibited to be imported, to be used therein except from the United Kingdom, or from some other British possession; but such articles may, nevertheless, be imported in any vessels which may legally trade with the British possessions on the western coast of Africa for the purpose of being warehoused at the port of Free Town for exportation only.

Articles of foreign manufacture, and any packages of such articles, bearing any names, brands, or marks purporting to be the names, brands, or marks of manufacturers resident in the United Kingdom;

Base or counterfeit coin;

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2. And if any goods shall be imported or brought into the said colony, contrary to any of the prohibitions or restrictions mentioned in such table in respect of such goods, the same shall be forfeited; and if the ship or vessel in which such goods shall be imported be of less burthen than sixty tons, such ship or vessel shall be forfeited.

3. And whereas it is expedient to extend certain of the provisions of the hereinbefore mentioned Act, of the 8th and 9th years of the reign of Her present Majesty to the said colony, now therefore Her Majesty with the advice of Her Privy Council and in further pursuance and exercise of the powers so vested in Her as aforesaid, by the said Act of Parliament, doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that no goods shall be imported into, nor shall any goods be exported from the said colony, by sea, from or to any place other than the

United Kingdom or some other British possession, except into or from the port of Free Town or such other port or ports within the said colony as may be hereafter declared by Her Majesty in Council to be fit for such importation and exportation; and if any goods shall be imported into the said colony, contrary hereto, such goods shall be forfeited.

4. And it is hereby further ordered that goods of any sort, or the produce of any place, not otherwise prohibited than by the Law of Navigation, may be imported into the said port of Free Town, in the said colony, from any place in a British ship, and from any place, not being a British possession in a foreign ship of any country and however navigated, to be warehoused for exportation only, under the provisions of this order, or of any law in force, for the time being, made for the warehousing of goods; provided always, and it is hereby ordered that it shall be declared upon the entry of such goods that they are entered for exportation only.

5. And it is hereby further ordered, that the master of every ship arriving at any port in the said colony or its dependencies, whether laden or in ballast, shall come directly, and before bulk be broken, to the Custom House at the port of Free Town, and there make a report, in writing, to the collector or other proper officer, of the arrival and voyage of such ship, stating her name, country, and tonnage, and, if British, the port of registry, the name and country of the master, the country of the owners, the number of the crew, and how many are of the country of such ship, and whether she be laden or in ballast, and if laden, the marks, numbers, and contents of every package and parcel of goods on board, and where the same was laden, and where and to whom consigned, and where any and what goods, if any, had been unladen during the voyage as far as any such particulars can be known to him; and the master shall further answer all such questions concerning the ship and cargo and the crew and the voyage, as shall be demanded of him by such officer; and if any goods be unladen from any ship before such report be made, or if the master fail to make such report, or make an untrue report, or do not truly answer the questions demanded of him, he shall forfeit the sum of one hundred pounds, and if any goods be not reported such goods shall be forfeited.

6. And it is hereby further ordered, that no goods shall be laden, or water-borne to be laden, on board any ship, or unladen from any ship in the said colony, until due entry shall have been made of such goods and warrant granted for the lading or unlading of the same, and the person entering any such goods shall deliver to the Collector of the Customs or other proper officer, a Bill of the entry thereof, fairly written in words at length, containing the name of the exporter or importer and of the ship and of the master and of the place to or from which bound, and of the place within the port where the goods are to be laden or unladen, and the particulars of the quality and quantity of the goods, and the packages containing the same, and the marks and numbers on the packages, and setting forth whether such goods be the produce of the British possessions or not, and shall also deliver at the same time one or more duplicates of such Bill, in which all sums and numbers may be expressed in figures, and the particulars to be contained in such Bill of entry, shall be written and arranged in such form and manner, and the number of such duplicates shall be such as the collector or other principal officer shall require.