

than might be in the occupation of Her Majesty's forces.

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by a certain other Order in Council, passed on the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, to order, that if any law or ordinance made in pursuance of the above-recited Act passed 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," should be in anywise repugnant to or at variance with the above-recited Order of Her Majesty in Council of the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, or with certain Orders passed by His late Majesty King William the Fourth, on the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, for the government and trade of His Majesty's subjects at Canton in the dominions of the Emperor of China, and 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 said dominions and the ports and havens thereof, or on the high seas within one hundred miles from the coast of China; or with a certain other Order passed by Her Majesty on the fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, directing that the said court of justice should be holden in the Island of Hong-Kong, for the purposes aforesaid; then such law or ordinance, so long as the same should be in force, should be obeyed and observed; anything in the said recited Orders in Council contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased by a certain other Order in Council, passed on the seventeenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, to order that Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls resident within the dominions of the Emperor of China, or such other persons as by warrant under the hand and seal of the Chief Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China, for the time being, should be appointed to act provisionally as Consuls or Vice-Consuls, should severally in the districts within which they might respectively be appointed to reside, have and hold all necessary power and authority to exercise jurisdiction over British subjects within such districts as aforesaid, for the repression and punishment of crimes and offences by them committed within the dominions of the Emperor of China, and for the arrangement and settlement of all and all manner of differences, contentions, suits, and variances that might or should happen to arise between them or any of them: and should moreover have power and authority, as far as in them might lie, to compose and settle all and all manner of differences, contentions, suits and variances, that might or should happen to arise between British subjects and the subjects of the Emperor of China, or between British subjects and the subjects of any foreign Power, and which might be brought before them for settlement; and Her Majesty was further pleased to order that Her Majesty's Consuls and Vice-Consuls in China, or any persons acting provisionally as such Consuls or Vice-Consuls, should, in the exercise of the jurisdiction so granted to them be governed by such laws and ordinances in that behalf as might be enacted with the advice of the Legislative Council of the Island of Hong-Kong, by the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China for the time being, being the Governor of Hong-Kong; and Her Majesty was further pleased to appoint the Colony of Hong-Kong as the British

colony, wherein crimes and offences committed by British subjects within the dominions of the Emperor of China, which it might be expedient should be inquired of, tried, determined, and punished within Her Majesty's dominions, should be so inquired of, tried, determined, and punished:

And whereas in virtue of the powers conferred upon Her Majesty by the above-recited Act passed 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," divers ordinances have, by authority of Her Majesty, from time to time, been enacted by the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China, being the Governor of the Island of Hong-Kong, with the advice of the Legislative Council of the said island: and whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend the same:

I. Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above-recited Act 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," and in pursuance of the above-recited Act, passed 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," and in execution of the powers thereby in Her Majesty in Council vested, Her Majesty is pleased, with the advice of her Privy Council, to order, and doth hereby order, that from and after the first day of November next ensuing each and every Ordinance enacted as aforesaid by the Superintendent of the Trade of Her Majesty's subjects in China, being the Governor of the Island of Hong Kong, with the advice of the Legislative Council of the said island, between the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and the twenty-eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, shall be and is hereby repealed: Provided always, that anything done by the Chief Superintendent or any Consul or Vice-Consul, or person duly authorized to act as such, in pursuance of any Ordinance so repealed previously to the first day of November next ensuing, shall have the same force and effect as if this present Order had not been passed.

II. And it is further ordered, that the term "Chief Superintendent" in this present Order shall be construed to mean the Superintendent of British Trade in China for the time being, or the person duly authorized to act as such; and the term "Consul" shall be construed to include all and every officer in Her Majesty's service, whether Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, or Consular Agent, or person duly authorized to act in any of the aforesaid capacities within the dominions of the Emperor of China, and engaged in carrying out the provisions of this Order; and that wherever in this Order, with reference to any person, matter or thing, any word or words is or are used importing the singular number, or the masculine gender only, yet such word or words shall be understood to include several persons, as well as one person, females as well as males, and several matters or things as well as one matter or thing, unless it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; and that the terms "British ship or vessel," or "ship or vessel under the British Flag," shall be taken and held to include any ship or vessel British-registered and navigated according to law, and any ship or vessel owned by a party entitled by law to be an owner of a British-registered vessel, and any ship or vessel provided with sailing-letters from the Governor of the Colony of Hong Kong, or from the Chief