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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1853.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 24th day of *October*, 1853,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to enable Her Majesty to abolish, otherwise than by treaty, on condition of reciprocity, differential duties on foreign ships," it is provided that where it shall appear to Her Majesty, that by the law or regulations of any Foreign Power, the trade and shipping of Great Britain in the ports of such Foreign Power, have been placed upon the same footing as the trade and shipping of such Foreign Power, either absolutely or on condition of equal or like benefits being conceded to the vessels of such Foreign Power in the ports of Her Majesty, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order to be by Her made, with the advice of Her Privy Council, and to be published in the London Gazette, to order and declare that the trade and shipping of such Foreign Power, shall have the benefit of the provisions of the said Act.

And whereas it appears to Her Majesty, that by the laws of Brazil, the trade and shipping of Great Britain, in the ports of Brazil, have been placed on the same footing as the trade and shipping of Brazil.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared, that from and after the publication hereof in the London Gazette, the trade and shipping of Brazil shall have the benefit of the provisions of the said recited Act.

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

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 24th day of *October*, 1853,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the

"further continuing, altering, and amending several Acts for the better regulation of lastage and ballastage in the River Thames, and for enabling the Corporation of the Trinity House, Deptford Strond, to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish dues payable to the said Corporation, and for other purposes connected therewith," it was enacted that certain rates and prices should be paid by the owners, masters, or agents of vessels passing and repassing in the River of Thames, for ballast supplied to them by the Corporation of the Trinity House;

And whereas the said Trinity House have, under the said recited Act, been in the habit of supplying ballast in the manner, and on the terms therein provided; but have not been in the habit of placing the same on board vessels, or of unloading the same therefrom;

And whereas by the Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853, it is provided that, if in addition to the duties hitherto performed in consideration of the said ballastage rates received under the said recited Act, the Trinity House, at the request or with the consent of the owners or masters of, or agents for, any ships, undertake to place ballast on board thereof, or to unload ballast therefrom, they shall be entitled to charge for such additional duties such reasonable additional charge per ton for ballast so placed on board, or unladen, as Her Majesty, by Order in Council, may from time to time approve;

And whereas the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House have submitted the following scale of rates, as rates which may properly be established and paid to the said Trinity House by the owners or masters of, or agents for, any ships who may be desirous that the Trinity House should undertake to place ballast on board, or unload it from such ships, in addition to the rates already payable for placing the ballast alongside the same, viz.:

For vessels having ports, 4d. (four pence) for every ton of ballast placed on board or unladen;

For vessels not having ports, 6½d. (sixpence and one half-penny) for every ton of ballast placed on board or unladen;

And whereas such scale of rates appears to be proper and reasonable:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue of the power vested in Her by the said recited Act, and by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to approve, and doth hereby approve of the said scale of rates so submitted as aforesaid.

C. C. Greville.