

to pass current within Her Majesty's West India Colonies, and also extending the same to Her Majesty's province of British Guiana.

Her Majesty having taken the same into consideration was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said Proclamation do take effect and come into force in each of her said colonies, and in her said province, upon and after such day as shall be for that purpose limited by the Governor or Officer administering the government of each of the said colonies or province respectively, by any proclamation to be by them respectively issued for such purpose in each of such colonies or province.

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

C. C. Greville.

DRAFT PROCLAMATION.

Whereas by our Proclamation, given at our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, on nineteenth August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, rates were fixed at which certain gold coins of the United States of North America should circulate and be received in payment in our West India Colonies, and whereas it is expedient to extend the provisions of such Proclamation to other gold coins of the said United States not specified in the same, and also to extend the provisions thereof, as well as of this our Proclamation, to our province of British Guiana.

Now, therefore, We, by the advice of our Privy Council, have thought fit to declare and ordain, and, by the advice aforesaid, We do hereby declare and ordain that the rate fixed by our said Proclamation for the gold coin of the said United States, called the eagle, shall apply proportionately to the double eagle or other multiple or multiples of the eagle; and, further, that the provisions of our said Proclamation, and of this our Proclamation, shall extend to our province of British Guiana, so that in all payments to be made in our said province, tender of payment in the gold coins of the said United States, or either of them, at the rates specified, shall be deemed and taken to be a lawful tender, in the same manner as if such tender had been made in the current coin of our United Kingdom.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 9th day of *March*, 1854,

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 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 were not under the said recited Act in the habit of placing the same on board vessels, or of unloading the same therefrom;

And whereas by the fourteenth section of the "Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853," it was provided that if, in addition to the duties theretofore 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, should undertake to place ballast on board thereof, or to unload ballast therefrom, they should 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, might from time to time approve;

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the twenty-fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, Her Majesty, acting in pursuance of the said fourteenth section of the "Merchant Shipping Law Amendment Act, 1853," was pleased to approve of certain rates specified in the said Order, as rates which might be properly established and paid to the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, by the owners or masters of, or agents for, any ships, who might 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;

And whereas the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House have submitted to Her Majesty that the said scale of rates fixed by the said recited Order may, so far as respects the delivery of ballast on board such ships as therein mentioned, be reduced, and that the following rates may be substituted in lieu thereof, viz.:

For vessels having ports, 3d. (three pence) for every ton of ballast placed on board;

For vessels not having ports, 5½d. (five pence and one half-penny) for every ton of ballast placed on board;

such rates to be in addition to the rates now payable for placing the ballast alongside the same;

And whereas such reduced 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, in lieu of the rates fixed for the same service by the said recited Order in Council.

C. C. Greville.

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 9th day of *March*, 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for carrying into effect the reports of the