

And whereas, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, by virtue of the said Articles of the said last-mentioned Treaty, a Commission was accordingly established for the purposes therein mentioned :

And whereas the said Commission has from time to time made and promulgated certain Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as well concerning the navigation of the said River Danube, and the conduct and government of masters, seamen, and others navigating the same, as concerning the payment of duties to be levied and taken in respect of the navigation of the said river, and the enforcing of penalties for the breach of such Rules, Orders, and Regulations respectively, or any of them :

And whereas by two several Orders in Council, bearing date respectively the sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and the twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, Her Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, was pleased to order that all Rules, Orders, and Regulations, so made, and to be made, as therein respectively mentioned, by the said Commission, should be binding and in force, and should have the force and effect of law, upon and against all British subjects and other persons subject to the jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents, within the dominions of the Ottoman Porte ; and such Orders were afterwards amended by a subsequent Order, bearing date the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four :

And whereas under and by virtue of further and special powers and authorities for that purpose granted by Her Majesty, and by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Austria, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of the French, His Majesty the King of Italy, His Majesty the King of Prussia, His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, and His Imperial Majesty the Sultan, the several persons constituting the said Commission being duly nominated Plenipotentiaries for the purpose, by a Public Instrument bearing date at Galatz the second day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, entitled "Public Act relative to the Navigation of the mouths of the Danube," did amend, consolidate, and of new promulgate and confirm (as so amended and consolidated) the several Regulations and Tariffs previously promulgated by the said Commission, the same being set forth and contained or referred to in the said Public Act, and in certain Annexes thereto.

And whereas at a meeting of the several Ministers, Plenipotentiaries of the several Powers aforesaid, in Conference assembled, at Paris, on the 28th day of March, 1866, a Protocol in writing was duly signed and agreed to, whereby the assent and sanction of all the said several Powers to the said Public Act, and the Annexes thereto, were expressed and recorded, subject to certain amendments of some of the Regulations contained in the said Annexes, which amendments are in the said Protocol at large set forth :

And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to Her Majesty's Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents, exercising jurisdiction over British subjects within the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, to enforce the provisions of the aforesaid Public Act, relative to the navigation of the mouths of the Danube, and of its Annexes, as the same are amended by the said Protocol.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above-recited Act of Parliament, and in execution of

the powers thereby vested in Her Majesty in Council, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order and declare, and it is hereby ordered and declared as follows :—

1. The said Orders of the sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall from henceforth be repealed. This repeal shall not affect the past operation of these Orders or anything done under them, neither shall it affect a certain other Order of the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, for the regulation of Consular jurisdiction in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

2. All Rules, Orders, and Regulations contained in the aforesaid instrument, entitled "Public Act for the navigation of the mouths of the Danube," and its Annexes, as amended, and (subject to such amendment thereof), confirmed by the said Protocol of the 28th day of March, 1866, and all the several amendments thereof set forth in the said Protocol, shall from and after the date of these presents be binding and in force, and shall have the force of law upon and against all British subjects and other persons subject to the jurisdiction of Her Majesty's Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents within the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

3. For all the purposes mentioned in the said Public Act and its Annexes, as so amended as aforesaid, and in the said Protocol respectively, and for the purpose of enforcing, so far as Her Majesty's subjects and such other persons as aforesaid are concerned, the provisions of the said Public Act and its Annexes, as so amended as aforesaid, and of the said Protocol, the said Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents of Her Majesty within the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, shall, from and after the date of these presents, have, possess, and enjoy all and every the powers, jurisdiction, authorities, rights, privileges, and immunities which, in and by a certain Order in Council, bearing date the thirtieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, are vested in or belong to, or are exerciseable by, the Judge of the Supreme Consular Court of Constantinople, within the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte. And all the clauses, articles, and provisions of the said Order in Council, so far as the same respectively are now in force and unrepealed, and so far as the same, or any of them, are applicable to the purposes mentioned in the said Public Act and its Annexes, as so amended as aforesaid, and in the said Protocol respectively, or any of them, shall apply and extend to the said Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents of Her Majesty, and to all acts, matters, and things whatsoever done by, to, or in respect of them the said Consuls-General, Consuls, Vice-Consuls, and Consular Agents respectively, under or by virtue of these presents.

And the Right Honourable the Earl of Clarendon, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

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