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Privy Council Office, February 4, 1905.

This day, in the presence of the Lord President of the Council, the Most Honourable John Adrian Louis, Marquess of Linlithgow, K.T., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., was sworn Secretary for Scotland.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 4th day of *February*, 1905.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by the Sugar Convention Act, 1903, after reciting that by Article VII of the Convention, signed on the fifth day of March, nineteen hundred and two, in relation to sugar, provision was made for the establishment of a Permanent Commission (in the Act referred to as the Permanent Commission) charged with watching the execution of the provisions of the Convention, it is enacted that where it is reported by the Permanent Commission that any direct or indirect bounty is granted in any foreign country on the production or export of sugars, His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make a prohibition Order, that is to say, an Order prohibiting sugar from that foreign country to be imported or brought into the United Kingdom, subject to any provision which might be made by Parliament in lieu of such prohibition to impose a special duty on such sugar in accordance with the Convention; and that while a prohibition Order is in force the laws relating to the Customs shall apply as if the sugar in respect of which the Order is made were specified, with exception as to transit, in the table of prohibitions and

restrictions inwards contained in section forty-two of the Customs Consolidation Act, 1876. And it was also enacted that His Majesty might, similarly, make such regulations as should appear to Him necessary in relation to any such Order and revoke, alter or add to any such Order.

And whereas upon a report by the said Permanent Commission that a bounty on the exportation of sugars was granted in the Dominican Republic, His Majesty by Order in Council dated the twenty-third day of June, nineteen hundred and four, prohibited as from the first day of August then ensuing the importation into the United Kingdom of sugar from the Dominican Republic (not including molasses and sugar-sweetened products) and declared that in relation to that Order Regulation IV in the Schedule to the Order in Council under the said Act, dated the eleventh day of August, nineteen hundred and three, should be construed and read as referring to the Dominican Republic as well as to the other countries named therein.

And whereas the Government of the Dominican Republic has by a decree published in the Official Gazette of Santo Domingo dated the tenth day of December, nineteen hundred and four, reduced the duties on foreign sugars so as to bring the surtax within the limits specified in Article III of the said Convention, and it now appears that the said Government has ceased to grant the aforesaid bounty on the exportation of sugars so that the prohibition Order is no longer necessary.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Him by the said recited Act by and with the advice of His Privy Council is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that the said recited Order in Council dated the twenty-third day of June, nineteen hundred and four, shall be no longer in force and the said Order is from this day hereby revoked.

A. W. FitzRoy.