

cargo which shall be captured or brought to adjudication, on account of any alleged breach of either of the said Orders in Council, at any time subsequent to such authentic act of repeal by the French Government shall, without any further Order or Declaration on the part of His Majesty's Government on this subject, be at liberty to give in evidence in the High Court of Admiralty or any Court of Vice-Admiralty, before which such ship or cargo shall be brought for adjudication, that such repeal by the French Government had been by such authentic act promulgated prior to such capture; and upon proof thereof, the voyage shall be deemed and taken to have been as lawful, as if the said Orders in Council had never been made; saving nevertheless to the captors, such protection and indemnity, as they may be equitably entitled to in the judgement of the said Court, by reason of their ignorance, or uncertainty as to the repeal of the French Decrees, or of the recognition of such repeal by His Majesty's Government, at the time of such capture.

"His Royal Highness however deems it proper to declare, that, should the repeal of the French Decrees, thus anticipated and provided for, prove afterwards to have been illusory on the part of the enemy; and should the restrictions thereof be still practically enforced, or revived by the enemy, Great Britain will be compelled, however reluctantly, after reasonable notice, to have recourse to such measures of retaliation, as may then appear to be just and necessary."

Westminster, April 21, 1812

AT the Council Chamber, *Whitehall*, the 17th of *April* 1812,

PRESENT,

The Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

WHEREAS it hath been represented, that there is no longer any necessity for continuing the quarantine, which was laid by Order of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and ten, on all ships and vessels coming directly or circuitously from, or having touched at, the Havannah, or any other port in the Island of Cubas; it is therefore ordered, that the said Order in Council, of the fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and ten, be, and the same is hereby, revoked: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of

Great Britain, the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the Master-General and the rest of the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, His Majesty's Secretary at War, and the Governors and Commanders in Chief for the time being of the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, are to give the necessary directions herein as to them may respectively appertain.

Chetwynd.

Admiralty-Office, April 25, 1812.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Stewart, of His Majesty's Sloop Blossom, addressed to Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, and transmitted by the Admiral to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Sloop Blossom, off Cabrera,
SIR, 23d February 1812.

THIS forenoon, at ten o'clock, Cabrera bearing E. S. E. five leagues, a schooner was seen southward. Mistaking us for a merchantman she came pretty near us before she perceived her mistake. At half-past twelve o'clock she made sail from us; at five our shot brought her to, after trying us by and large. She proved to be Le Jean Bart, launched at Marseilles five weeks ago, carrying one hundred and six men, armed with five twelve and two six-pounders, commanded by Monsieur Jean Francis Coulome.

She sailed on the 17th instant on her first cruise, is copper-bottomed, copper fastened, one hundred and forty-seven and a half tons burthen; as fine a vessel of her class as I have seen, has made no capture, and has been chased by two frigates and a brig within the last five days, but escaped by her admirable sailing;

The Jean Bart was in every respect well calculated to do much mischief to commerce.

I have the honour to be, &c.

W. STEWART, Commander.

Admiralty-Office, April 25, 1812.

Copy of a Letter from Captain Taylor, of His Majesty's Ship the Apollo, addressed to Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Pellew, and transmitted by the Admiral to John Wilson Croker, Esq.

His Majesty's Ship Apollo, off Cape Corse, Feb. 14, 1812.
SIR,

IN rounding Cape Corse, at daybreak yesterday morning, I fell in with a French frigate-built storeship and a corvette.

After closing from to leeward the former struck, and proved to be the Merinos, commanded by M.