

February one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to allow, and did thereby allow, for the space of twelve months, to commence from the twenty-fifth day of March then next ensuing, the importation from any port or place whatsoever into any port or place of Great Britain, of certain articles of provisions therein named, subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the said Order, without payment of any duty whatsoever, except in respect to the article of rice, which, when imported, should be subject to such duties as might by law be payable thereon; and whereas it is expedient that rice, imported in British ships or vessels directly from any of the possessions of the East India Company or from any British colony or plantation, should be exempted from the payment of the said duties, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, by virtue of the powers vested in His Majesty, by sundry Acts of Parliament, set forth in the said Order in Council of the twentieth February one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, is thereupon pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council to allow, and doth hereby allow, until the twenty-fifth day of March next, the importation of rice from any of the possessions of the East India Company, or from any British colony or plantation, in British ships or vessels, without payment of any duty whatsoever; any thing contained in the Order in Council above-mentioned of the twentieth day of February last to the contrary notwithstanding. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions hereon accordingly. *Jas. Buller.*

#### COLONIAL DEPARTMENT.

*Downing-Street, June 2, 1813.*

**A** DISPATCH, of which the following is a copy, was this day received by the Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from Lieutenant-General Sir George Prevost, Bart. Governor-General and Commander in Chief of the Forces in North America.

*My LORD, Niagara, February 27, 1813.*

**I**N the dispatch which I had the honour of addressing to your Lordship on the 16th instant, I reported the close of the session of the Provincial Parliament, and my intention of proceeding on the

following day to visit the military posts in Upper Canada.

I accordingly left Quebec on the 17th, and, passing through Montreal, arrived at Prescott, the first frontier post in Upper Canada, on the 21st: there I found myself within less than a mile of the enemy, posted at Ogdensburgh, who had availed themselves of the frozen state of the St. Lawrence, in that neighbourhood, to carry on repeated nocturnal enterprises against posts of communication which were occupied by the militia, and to commit frequent depredations upon the persons and property of His Majesty's subjects, carefully selecting objects beyond the immediate support and protection of a regular military force.

Being at that time busily employed in the transport of ordnance and ordnance stores for the marine establishment on the lakes, and in supplying arms, accoutrements, clothing, and ammunition for the militia of the Upper Province, I deemed it absolutely necessary, in order to ensure the safe arrival of these essential articles at the places of their destination, to dislodge the enemy from his position at Ogdensburgh, to secure from interruption my line of communication with Upper Canada. I have now the honour of transmitting to your Lordship the report which Major McDonnell, of the Glengarry light infantry fencibles, has made to me of the spirited manner in which he carried into execution my orders on this occasion.

I beg leave to call your Lordship's attention to the distinguished merit of Captain Jenkins, of the Glengarry fencibles, who most gallantly led a part of that new levy into action: this excellent young man and very meritorious officer has lost his left arm, and has the right severely wounded; under these circumstances I most humbly recommend him to the favour and protection of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

It is but common justice to the merits of Lieutenant Impey, of the Dundas militia, who lost a leg in this affair, which has afforded a further proof of the superiority of His Majesty's arms over those of the enemy, to entreat your Lordship, that the same benevolence may be extended to him as he would have experienced had he belonged to the regular forces; he being a very respectable and worthy man, entirely dependent on his bodily exertions in the cultivation of a farm for the support of himself and a young family.

Two stand of colours, which were taken on this