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SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1814.

AT the Court at *Carlton-House*, the 19th of March, 1814,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS by virtue of the powers vested in His Majesty by sundry Acts of Parliament, His Royal Highness the Prince Regent was pleased, by His Order in Council of the 7th of this instant March, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, to allow, and did thereby allow, for the space of six months, to commence from the 25th day of this instant March, the importation from any port or place whatsoever, into any port or place of Great Britain, of certain articles of provision 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 hereon; 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 7th of this instant March, 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, for the space of six months from and after the 25th day of this instant March; 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 7th day of this instant March, to the contrary notwithstanding. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

Chetwynd.

Lunæ, 21^o die Martij 1814.

TOWN OF GALWAY RIGHT OF ELECTION PETITION.

JOHN Kirwan, Dennis Kirwan, and others, freemen of the town and county of the town of Galway, having this day presented their petition to the House of Commons, setting forth:

‘ That, on the 11th day of February 1813, a Select Committee of the House was appointed to try and determine the merits of the petition of Valentine Blake, of Menlo, in the county of the town of Galway, Esquire, and of the petition of John Joyce, Patrick M. Lynch, John Lynch, Alexander Nicholas Browne, James Finn, and John French Madden, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable Frederick Ponsonby as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said town:

‘ That on the 18th day of June last, the said Committee reported to the House, that it appeared to them that the merits of the said petitions did in part depend upon the right of election, and therefore the Committee required the Counsel for the several parties to deliver to the Clerk of the Committee statements in writing of the right of election for which they respectively contended; and that in consequence thereof, the Counsel for the said several petitioners delivered in a statement as follows:

“ That the right of election in and for the town and county of the town of Galway is in the freeholders of the said town and county of the town of Galway, and in the free burgesses and freemen thereof, such freemen having been resident in the said town and county of the town, or the liberties thereof, at the time of their election to their freedom, and also at the time of their voting;”

‘ And that the Counsel for the sitting member, the Honourable Frederick Ponsonby, delivered in a statement as follows;

“ That the right of election in and for the town and county of the town of Galway is in the freeholders of the said town and county of the town of Galway, and in the freemen of the Corporation of the said town;”