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By His Royal Highness the PRINCE of WALES, REGENT of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; in the Name and on the Behalf of His Majesty,

A PROCLAMATION.

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WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifth-ninth year of the reign of His present Majesty, cap. 25, intituled "An Act to enable His Majesty to fix a rate, and direct the disposal of freight-money for the conveyance of specie and jewels on board His Majesty's ships and vessels," it is enacted, "that from and after the eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, all freight-money to be paid for the conveyance on board any of the ships and vessels of His Majesty, his heirs, and successors, of gold, silver, and jewels, or of any other article which may be by special order received on board the said ships and vessels, and for which freight shall be payable, shall be paid at such rate, and distributed and applied for such purposes, and divided to and amongst such persons, in such proportions, and after such manner as His Majesty, his heirs, and successors shall from time to time think fit to order and direct by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued for that purpose; and that no freight-money or reward shall hereafter be demanded, paid, received, or detained by, to, or for the use or on account of any person or persons for the conveyance on board of any of the ships and vessels of His Majesty, his heirs, or successors, of any gold, silver, or jewels, or any other article which may be by special order received on board the said ship or vessel, and for which freight shall be payable, other than for the purposes, and by the person or persons, in the proportion, at the rates, and in the manner so to be paid and allowed by Proclamation or Proclamations; and that all bargains, contracts, covenants, and agreements made or entered into for the payment of any freight-money for or in the name or on the account of

" freight for the conveyance of gold, silver, or jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, on board of any of His Majesty's ships or vessels, at any rate, or for any other purpose, or by or to any other person or persons, or in any other manner or proportions than as aforesaid, shall be, and the same are hereby, declared to be utterly void ;"

We do, therefore, in pursuance of the powers so vested in His Majesty, his heirs, and successors, by this Our Royal Proclamation, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, think proper to order and direct, and We do hereby order and direct, that all gold, silver, and jewels, or other articles received as treasure by special order, conveyed in His Majesty's ships and vessels in the care and charge of the Captain or Officer commanding such ship or vessel, shall be liable to the payment of freight, whether such treasure belong to the Crown or to other parties.

That on the delivery of any gold, silver, or jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, laden on board of any of His Majesty's ships or vessels, for which freight may or shall be payable as aforesaid, or according to the provisions and directions hereinafter contained, a receipt or bill of lading, or receipts or bills of lading, shall be made and signed by the Captain or Officer commanding such ship or vessel, describing the quantity or value of such gold, silver, jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, and the terms on and extent to which such Captain or Officer commanding such ship or vessel so receiving the said gold, silver, or jewels, or other articles, on board his said ship or vessel, shall be liable or responsible for the same, in case of loss or damage thereof, to which by law he might be liable, in form or to the effect following :

[Here insert bill of lading in the usual form.]

And it is hereby stipulated and agreed between the said _____ and the shipper and owners and consignees of the said _____, that in case of loss or damage happening to the said gold, silver, jewels, or other articles as aforesaid, the Captain or Officer commanding such ship or vessel as aforesaid shall