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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.

GEORGE, P. R.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifty-  
ninth year of the reign of His present Ma-  
jesty, cap. 25, intituled "An Act to enable  
His Majesty to fix a rate, and direct the dis-  
posal 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 succes-  
sors 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 de-  
manded, paid, received, or detained by, to, or  
for the use or on account of any person or per-  
sons 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 Procla-  
mation 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 be-  
long 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 hap-  
pening to the said gold, silver, jewels, or other  
articles as aforesaid, the Captain or Officer com-  
manding such ship or vessel as aforesaid shall