

year of His late Majesty King George the Third (chapter 22), it is enacted, "that every ship or vessel having on board one apprentice for every fifty tons burthen, every such apprentice not exceeding the age of twenty years, nor being under twelve years at the time he shall be indentured, shall be deemed properly fitted and qualified, with respect to the number and age of apprentices, to proceed on the said fishery to the Greenland Seas and Davis's Straights, and to be entitled to the respective bounties granted by this Act;" And whereas it is expedient, that further provision should be made with respect to the number of apprentices to be taken on board ships proceeding to the said fisheries, His Majesty is pleased, by virtue of the authority vested in him by the Act first above recited, to order, and it is hereby ordered that from and after the date of this Order, British vessels employed in the fisheries in the Greenland Seas and Davis's Straights, having on board one apprentice for every one hundred tons burthen of each vessel, every such apprentice not exceeding the age of twenty years, nor being under twelve years at the time he shall be indentured, shall be deemed properly fitted and qualified, with respect to the number and age of apprentices, to proceed on the said fisheries to the Greenland Seas and Davis's Straights, and to be entitled to the respective bounties granted by law for the encouragement of the said fisheries; provided that all the other provisions of the laws for regulating the said fisheries be duly complied with: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Jas. Buller.*

**A**T the Court at *Brighton*, the 31st of *January* 1823,

**PRESENT,**

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third (chapter 1), intituled "An Act to continue and extend the provisions of an Act of the forty-ninth year of His present Majesty, for regulating the trade and commerce to and from the Cape of Good Hope, until the fifth day of July one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and also for regulating the trade of the Island of Mauritius" (which said Act has since been continued by an Act passed in the first year of His present Majesty), His Majesty is authorised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be issued from time to time, to give such directions, and to make such regulations touching the trade and commerce to and from any islands, colonies, or places, and the territories and dependencies thereof, to His Majesty belonging or in His possession, in Africa, or Asia to the eastward of the Cape of Good Hope, excepting only the possessions of the East India Company, as to His Majesty in Council shall ap-

pear most expedient and salutary, any thing contained in an Act, passed in the twelfth year of the reign of His Majesty King Charles the Second, intituled "An Act for the encouraging and increasing of shipping and navigation;" or in an Act, passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King William the Third, intituled "An Act for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in the plantation trade," or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now in force relating to His Majesty's colonies and plantations, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, law, usage, or custom to the contrary, in anywise notwithstanding; His Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the date of this present Order, British vessels arriving at any port of the Island of Ceylon, from any country in amity with His Majesty, laden with any articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of such country (excepting all articles composed of cotton, iron, steel, or wool of foreign manufacture,) shall be permitted to enter and land their cargoes, and dispose of the same in the said ports, subject to such duties as may be there payable thereon:

And it is further ordered, that British vessels arriving as aforesaid shall be permitted to export to any such foreign country in amity with His Majesty, cargoes consisting of any articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of the Island of Ceylon, or of any other articles which shall have been legally imported there, on payment of such duties as may be payable thereon:

And it is hereby further ordered, that vessels belonging to the subjects of any foreign state in amity with His Majesty, which foreign state shall allow British vessels to carry on trade as aforesaid between the ports of such state and the Island of Ceylon, shall be permitted, in like manner, to import into the ports of the said Island, from any port of the state to which such vessel shall belong, any articles of the growth, production, or manufacture of such foreign state (excepting all articles composed of cotton, iron, steel, or wool, of foreign manufacture), and to dispose of the same in the ports of the said Island, on payment of the same duties as shall be payable on the like articles when imported from such foreign state in British vessels:

Provided, however, that if higher duties are charged on such goods when exported from any such foreign state to the Island of Ceylon, in British vessels, than are charged thereon when exported to that Island in ships of such foreign state; or if higher tonnage duties are charged on British vessels exporting such articles from such foreign state to the Island of Ceylon, than are charged on the vessels of such state exporting similar articles to that Island; a countervailing duty shall be charged on the said articles on importation into the said Island, in vessels of such foreign state, over and above the duties payable on the like articles when imported from such state in British vessels; and also a countervailing duty on such foreign vessels importing such articles equal in amount to the difference of duty charged on British vessels exporting similar articles to the Island of Ceylon, from such foreign state as compared with