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**A**T the Court at *St. James's*, the 27th day of July 1831,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS by an Act, passed in the third year of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for further continuing, altering, and amending several Acts for the better regulation of lastage and ballastage in the River Thames, and for enabling the Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish dues payable to the said Corporation, and for other purposes connected therewith," after reciting that, under the authority and by virtue of the several Acts of Parliament, and grants therein recited, as well as of other Acts of Parliament, and of divers charters, grants, and letters patent of Kings and Queens of this realm, and also by prescriptive right, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid, had collected, taken, levied, and received from, or in respect of, ships and vessels requiring ballast, the several rates and prices specified in the Act of the forty-fifth year of the reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, therein mentioned, and certain dues or duties, rates or tolls, of various denominations, from, or in respect of, all British ships or vessels, and from, or in respect of, all foreign ships and vessels, entering or departing from the ports, harbours, or roadsteads

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid had not, by the terms of the said several Acts of Parliament, charters, grants, and letters patent, or any of them, any power to reduce, modify, alter, relinquish, or abolish any of the rates, prices, dues, duties, and tolls, imposed or granted, collected, taken, levied, and received as aforesaid: and that it was expedient that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should be empowered (under the regulations hereinafter contained) to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish, and at any time or times thereafter to revive and re-establish, any of the rates, prices, dues, duties, and tolls aforesaid, or any part or parts thereof, from time to time, as to them the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should seem meet, just, and reasonable; it is thereby enacted, that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of the Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid shall be, and they are thereby authorised and empowered, from time to time, and at any time or times thereafter, upon the requisition or with the consent of His said late Majesty, His heirs and successors, in His or their Most Honourable Privy Council, to reduce, relinquish, abolish, alter, or modify all or any or either of the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls imposed or granted by the said several grants, charters, or Acts of Parliament, or any of them, or collected, taken, levied, and received under the authority