

express those feelings of admiration and respect which, in unison with all ranks of your Majesty's loyal and affectionate subjects, we entertain towards your Majesty, and to offer to your Majesty that homage which is justly due to so much virtue, benevolence, and goodness.

That your Majesty, in conjunction with your Royal Consort, our beloved Sovereign, may, by the blessing of God, long be preserved in health, in happiness, and in prosperity, to reign in the hearts and command the homage, esteem, and admiration of a loyal, affectionate, and happy people, is the fervent prayer of, Madam, your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Convener, Master of Hospital, Seven Deacons, and whole other Members of the Seven Incorporated Trades of the City of Aberdeen.

Signed in the name and by the appointment of the said Seven Incorporated Trades, in Common-hall assembled, this 28th day of September 1831 years, and their seal hereunto appended,

*David Carter, Convener; William Smith, Master of Hospital; Alex. Cooper, Deacon of Hammermen; William Crabb, Deacon of Bakers; John Mowat, Deacon of Wrights and Coopers; Wm. M. Conachie, Deacon of Tailors; P. Taylor, Deacon of the Shoe-Makers; Herod Laing, Deacon of Weavers; Wm. Spark, jun. Deacon of Fishers.*

AT the Court at St. James's, the 21st day of November 1831.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to authorise His Majesty, under certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and drawbacks on goods imported or exported in foreign vessels, and to exempt certain foreign vessels from pilotage," His Majesty is authorised, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majesty's Order or Orders in Council, to be published from time to time in the London Gazette, to authorise the importation into, or exportation from, the United Kingdom, or from any other of His Majesty's dominions, of any goods, wares, or merchandise which may be legally imported or exported in foreign vessels, upon payment of such and the like duties only, and with the like drawbacks, bounties, and allowances, as are charged or granted upon similar goods, wares, or merchandise when imported or exported in British vessels, provided always, that before any such Order or Orders shall be issued, satisfactory proof shall have been laid before His Majesty and His Privy Council

that goods, wares, and merchandise imported into, or exported from, the foreign country in whose favour such remission of duties, or such drawbacks, bounties, or allowances, shall be granted, are charged with the same duties, and are allowed the same drawbacks, bounties, or allowances when imported into, or exported from, such foreign country in British vessels, as are levied or allowed on similar goods, wares, and merchandise when imported or exported in vessels of such country:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the fifth year of the reign of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to indemnify all persons concerned in advising, issuing, or acting under a certain Order in Council, for regulating the tonnage duties on certain foreign vessels, and to amend an Act of the last session of Parliament, for authorising His Majesty, under certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and drawbacks on goods imported or exported in any foreign vessels," His Majesty is authorised (in certain cases), by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by His Majesty's Order or Orders in Council, to be published from time to time in the London Gazette, to permit and authorise the entry into any port or ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or of any other of His Majesty's dominions, of any foreign vessels, upon payment of such and the like duties of tonnage only as are or may be charged or granted upon, or in respect of, British vessels:

And whereas satisfactory proof has been laid before His Majesty and His Privy Council, that goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into, or exported from, the dominions of the Emperor of Austria, are charged with the same duties, and are allowed the same drawbacks, bounties, or allowances, when imported or exported in British vessels, as are levied or allowed on similar goods, wares, and merchandise when imported or exported from the said dominions of the Emperor of Austria, in Austrian vessels, and that British vessels are charged with no other or higher tonnage duties on their entrance into the ports of the dominions of the Emperor of Austria than are levied on Austrian vessels: His Majesty, by virtue of the powers vested in Him by the Acts above recited, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the date hereof, Austrian vessels entering or departing from the ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, together with the cargoes on board the same, such cargoes consisting of articles which may be legally imported or exported, shall not be subject to any other or higher duties or charges whatever, than are or shall be levied on British vessels entering or departing from such ports, or on similar articles when imported into or exported from such ports in British vessels; and also that such articles when exported from the said ports in Austrian vessels shall be entitled to the same bounties, drawbacks, and allowances that are granted on similar articles when exported in British vessels.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commis-