

from and after the time of which His Majesty's disallowance thereof shall be made known to such Chief Superintendent for the time being :

And it is further ordered, that a record shall be duly made and preserved of all the proceedings, judgments, and sentences of the said Court, which record shall be retained in the custody of an Officer of the said Court, to be by the Chief Superintendent specially charged with the performance of that duty :

And the Right Honourable Viscount Palmerston, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

C. C. Greville.

At the Court at Brighton, the 9th day of December 1833,

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of Parliament, made and passed in the third and fourth year of His Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade to China and India," it is, amongst other things, enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by any such Order or Orders as to His Majesty in Council shall appear expedient and salutary, to give to the Superintendents in the said Act mentioned, or any one of them, powers and authorities over and in respect of the trade and commerce of His Majesty's subjects within any part of the dominions of the Emperor of China; and to make and issue directions and regulations touching the said trade and commerce, and for the government of His Majesty's subjects within the said dominions :

And it is thereby further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, by any Order or Orders to be issued from time to time, to impose and to empower such persons as His Majesty in Council shall think fit, to collect and levy from or on account of any ship or vessel belonging to any of the subjects of His Majesty entering any port or place where the said Superintendents, or any of them, shall be stationed, such duty on tonnage and goods as shall from to time be specified in such Order or Orders, not exceeding in respect of tonnage, the sum of five shillings for every ton, and not exceeding in respect of goods, the sum of ten shillings for every one hundred pounds of the value of the same :

And it is thereby enacted, that the fund arising from the collection of such duties, shall be appropriated in such manner as His Majesty in Council shall direct towards defraying the expence of the establishments, by the said Act authorised, within the said dominions; now, therefore, in pursuance of the said Act, and in execution of the powers thereby in His Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, it is hereby ordered by His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, that it shall be lawful for the Superintendents, appointed by virtue of the

said Act of Parliament, for the time being, and for any person or persons duly authorised by them respectively, to recover and receive from all masters or other chief officers, or commanders, of all ships and vessels belonging to any of His Majesty's subjects which may enter the port of Canton, or may be trading at that port, the sum or sums of money following, that is to say,—in respect of tonnage the sum of two shillings for every ton as per register of such ships and vessels, and so in proportion for any fractional part of a ton; and in respect of goods imported and exported, except bullion, at and after the rate of seven shillings for every one hundred pounds of the value of the same :

And it is further ordered, that the value of the goods composing the inward cargoes of such ships or vessels shall be fixed by the current market prices of such goods at Canton aforesaid, exclusive of the import duty, and that the value of the goods composing the outward cargoes of such ships or vessels shall be estimated by the current market prices at Canton aforesaid, of the articles composing the same at the period of shipment, exclusive of the export duties :

And it is further ordered, that if any difference of opinion should arise as to the market prices aforesaid, the same shall be determined and fixed by two indifferent British merchants or subjects residing at the place, one to be chosen and appointed by the said Superintendents, or by the person or persons authorised by them respectively, and the other by the master of the vessel, or by the consignee or shipper of the cargo, which two persons previously to their entering into the consideration of the subject referred to them, shall appoint a third person, being also a British merchant or subject, residing at the place, to be the umpire in the event of their disagreeing upon the point referred to them; and in case the two persons so chosen shall not agree and award the same within seven days after such appointment, then such third person, so previously chosen and appointed, shall decide and determine the said current market price, within the space of three days after the expiration of the seven days, unless it shall be otherwise mutually agreed upon between the said Superintendents or person or persons authorised by them respectively, and the consignee or shipper of the cargo, and such sum shall be paid in either case as shall be agreeable to this Order.

And it is further ordered, that all masters, commanders, or other chief officers of all British ships and vessels trading to or from the port of Canton aforesaid, and unloading or delivering the ship or vessel, or any of the cargo there, shall within forty-eight hours after the arrival of such ship or vessel, deliver to the said Superintendents, or to the person or persons authorised by them for that purpose respectively, a true manifest in writing, upon oath, specifying the particulars of the whole cargo of such ship or vessel, so to be unloaded or delivered, or of such part thereof as shall be unloaded or delivered there, and to whom consigned; and likewise twenty-four hours before the said masters, commanders, or other chief officers, require the outward clearances or passports for their said ships or vessels, they shall deliver