

of Bremen, yet the wish that our laws should accord in regard to it with those of the great Sea Powers, in order to our becoming a party to their Treaties for the total abolition of the traffic in slaves, has occasioned us to take the subject into careful consideration, and has caused the following penal law to be agreed upon at a meeting of the Bürger Convent, in Bremen, on the 4th of November last year:

Penal Law against the Traffic in Slaves.

Art. 1. The traffic known under the name of slave trade, which has for object to provide North and South America, or the West Indies, with negro slaves from the African coast, together with all trades in connection with it, is hereby prohibited in the free State of Bremen and its dependencies, and shall be deemed criminal.

Art. 2. Whosoever, either as owner, freighter, captain, mate, or supercargo, fits out or sails a vessel for the purpose of the slave trade mentioned in article 1, or who carries on the slave trade, or allows the fitting out or carrying on through any other person, or takes part therein, or assists in the offence as money-lender or treasurer, shall, according to circumstances, whether the vessel be stopped before her departure from the port of outfit, or after her departure, and even before commencing any slave seizures or slave trade; or lastly, after any actual perpetration of slave seizing or slave trading, be condemned to imprisonment in the house of correction from one to fifteen years, and to pay a fine of from two hundred to five thousand rix dollars, and to the loss of his citizenship and all other municipal rights appertaining to him, and of his right to carry the Bremen flag. And further, according to circumstances, the confiscation of the vessel, her furniture, and cargo also may be made.

Art. 3. Foreigners who in the territory of Bremen or on board of Bremen vessels, are guilty of the offences described in the foregoing articles, or who make use of the Bremen flag, or who fit out, or cause to be fitted out, on Bremen territory, vessels under foreign flags to carry on the slave trade, shall be punished according to the present law.

Art. 4. All other acts tending to violate the prohibition contained in article 1, which may not have been named in articles 2 and 3, are equally subject to fine and imprisonment, according to cir-

cumstances, and may equally take away the right to carry the Bremen flag.

The Senate in promulgating the foregoing law for the observance of every body, places confidence in the inhabitants of Bremen, that they will abstain in future, as they have done hitherto, from any the most distant participation in the dishonourable offence described in the aforesaid law.

Done at Bremen, in the Assembly of the Senate, on the 15th, and promulgated on the 20th, February 1837.

Windsor-Castle, March 31, 1837.

The King was this day pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Lieutenant-Colonel William M. G. Colebrooke, of the Royal Artillery, Military Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Leeward Islands.

Lord Chamberlain's-Office.

The Lord Chamberlain of His Majesty's Household has appointed the Reverend James Stewart Murray Anderson, Chaplain in Ordinary to the King, in the room of the Reverend John Bathurst Schömberg, deceased.

Whitehall, March 27, 1837.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Frederick Herbert, of Northleach, in the county of Gloucester, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

* * * The Index to the London Gazette, for the last six months of the year 1836, is now ready for delivery.

THE Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act, 10th Geo. 4th, c. 27, sec. 1, that the actual Surplus Revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual Expenditure thereof, for the year ended 5th day of January 1837, amounted to the sum of £2,130,092 0s. 7d.;

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of £532,523 0s. 1d. (being one fourth part of the said surplus of £2,130,092 0s. 7d.) will be ap-