

upon the importation of such goods, a further duty amounting to one fifth part of such existing duties :

And whereas by an Act, passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, 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 preceding session, for authorizing His Majesty, under certain circumstances, to regulate the duties and drawbacks on goods imported or exported in any foreign vessels ;" His Majesty was authorized, 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 (whenever it should be deemed expedient), to levy and charge any additional or countervailing duty or duties of tonnage upon, or in respect of, any vessels which should enter any of the ports in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in any of His Majesty's dominions, and which should belong to any foreign country in which any duties of tonnage should have been or should be levied upon, or in respect of, British vessels entering the ports of such country, higher or greater than were levied or granted upon, or in respect of, the vessels of such country :

And, in the said Act now in recital, it was provided, that such additional or countervailing tonnage duties, so to be levied and charged as aforesaid, should not be greater in amount than might be deemed fairly to countervail the difference of duty paid in such foreign country upon, or in respect of, the tonnage of British vessels, more than the duty there charged or granted upon, or in respect of, the vessels of such country :

And, by the said Act now in recital, it was enacted, that His Majesty, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, or by any Order or Orders in Council as aforesaid, was thereby empowered to remove, or again to impose any such additional or countervailing tonnage duties, whenever it should be deemed expedient to do so :

And whereas British vessels, entering the ports of Portugal from the ports of the United Kingdom, were, by a Decree of the twenty-fourth of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, charged with a tonnage duty, from one half of which all Portuguese vessels were exempt, such surcharge va-

rying from five pence farthing to one shilling one penny and one eighth per ton :

And whereas by an Order in Council, bearing date the tenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, in which is recited, amongst other things, the said Decree of the twenty-fourth of November one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six His late Majesty King William the Fourth, by virtue of the powers vested in him by the said secondly hereinbefore recited Act, and by and with the advice of His Privy Council, did order, that from and after the date of the Order in Council now in recital, there should be charged on all Portuguese vessels which should enter any of the ports of the United Kingdom, a duty of nine pence per ton; such duty to be levied, collected, recovered, and applied in such and the like manner as any duties or customs were then by law levied, collected, and applied :

And whereas by a Decree of the Legislature of the kingdom of Portugal, dated the eighteenth of October last, and published on or about the nineteenth of October last, the premium therein mentioned, created by the aforesaid Decree of the tenth January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, in favour of goods imported in Portuguese ships, by virtue of which such higher duties as are hereinbefore referred to were levied in the ports of Portugal on goods, when imported in British ships, than when imported in Portuguese ships, has been abolished ; and in by the said Decree, of the eighteenth of October last, differential duties are, in manner therein mentioned, imposed only on goods imported in foreign ships not belonging to the country where such goods were produced, and in foreign ships from countries or ports where the Portuguese flag is subject to differential duties, and on goods proceeding from countries or ports where the Portuguese flag is not admitted :

And by the said Decree, of the eighteenth of October last, it is ordered, that the dispositions thereof shall begin to have force three months after its publication, as regards merchandize coming in vessels proceeding from ports in Europe and North America, and six months as regards all other ports :

And whereas Her Majesty hath received satisfactory assurances from the Government of Portugal, that so soon as the hereinbefore recited Orders in Council, of the tenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, shall be revoked, the Portuguese Government will put into execution the