

"visions of an Act to provide for the administration of justice in New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land, and for the more effectual government thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto," was pleased, by letters patent under the great seal of the United Kingdom, to erect the islands of New Zealand into a distinct and separate colony :

And whereas inasmuch as the colony of New Zealand is not expressly mentioned in the said recited Order in Council of the fifteenth July one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and is not dependent or belonging to any of the settlements or colonies in the said Order and hereinbefore mentioned, doubts are entertained whether the privileges granted to French ships and to ships of India, by the said recited Order, extend to the colony of New Zealand ; and Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth accordingly deem it expedient to make such Order as hereinafter is expressed :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, and in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in Her vested by the said "British Possessions Act," doth declare and grant, that French ships, and ships of or belonging to any kingdom or state within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, shall have such and the like privileges of trading with the said colony of New Zealand as such ships are respectively entitled to under authority of the said recited Order, with reference to the colonies, settlements, and islands named and described on the said recited Order as hereinbefore is mentioned :

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honourable Lord Stanley, are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*C. C. Greville.*

AT the Court at *Buckingham-Palace*, the 23d day of *August* 1843,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws for the regulation of

"the trade of the British possessions abroad," it was enacted, that there should be raised, levied, collected, and paid to Her Majesty the several duties of customs, as the same are respectively set forth in figures in the table of duties hereinafter contained. upon goods, wares, and merchandize, not being the growth, production, or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of any of the British possessions in America, or of the Mauritius, or of any of the British possessions within the limits of the East India Company's charter, or the produce of any of the British fisheries imported or brought into any of the British possessions in America, or the Mauritius, by sea or inland carriage or navigation; and whereas divers articles are enumerated in the said table of duties, and certain duties therein mentioned are therein made payable upon such articles respectively; and the duty of four per centum ad valorem is made payable on articles not enumerated, except such as are comprized or referred to in the table of exemptions subjoined to the said table of duties; and whereas it is also enacted by the said Act now in recital, that it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any Order or Orders in Council to be issued from time to time, to direct that any article described in such Order, being an article chargeable under this Act as an enumerated article, with a duty of four per centum ad valorem, shall be added to the list of exemptions thereinbefore set forth, and shall be free from such duty, and from and after the time mentioned in such Orders for the commencement of such exemptions, not being less than six months from the date thereof, such exemption shall take effect, and such article shall thenceforth, while such Order shall continue in force, be free from such duty accordingly; and any such Order may at any time be suspended or revoked by Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any other Order in Council :

And whereas specimens, illustrative of natural history, are not enumerated in the said table of duties, neither are they comprized or referred to in the said table of exemptions; and whereas Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, hath thought fit, for the encouragement of the study of natural history, that specimens, illustrative of natural history, should be exempted from the duties imposed by the said recited Act :