

aforesaid, from the dominions of His Most Christian Majesty, such goods being the produce of those dominions as are mentioned and enumerated in an Order in Council, bearing date the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and which is recited in the Order now in recital; and by the said Order now in recital, His said late Majesty, by the advice of His Privy Council, was pleased to declare and grant, that it should and might be lawful for ships of or belonging to any kingdom or state within the limits of the East India Company's charter, to import from the dominions to which they respectively belong, goods, the produce of such dominions, into the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, and into the island of Ceylon, and into the island of Mauritius, and into His Majesty's settlements in the island of New Holland, and in the island of Van Dieman's Land, and into the several islands and territories dependent upon and belonging to the several settlements or colonies aforesaid; and to export goods from such several settlements or colonies, or their respective dependencies, to be carried into any foreign country whatever:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade of British possessions abroad," and which is hereinafter referred to as, the "British Possessions Act," after reciting that, by the law of navigation, foreign ships are permitted to import into any of the British possessions abroad, from the countries to which they belong, goods, the produce of those countries, and to export goods from such possessions, to be carried into any foreign country whatever; and that it is expedient that such permission should be subject to certain conditions, it is enacted, that the privileges thereby granted to foreign ships shall be limited to ships of those countries, which, having colonial possessions, shall grant the like privileges of trading with those possessions to British ships, or which, not having colonial possessions, shall place the commerce and navigation of the country and of its possessions abroad upon the footing of the most favoured nation, unless His Majesty, by His Order in Council, shall, in any case, deem it expedient to grant the whole or any part of such privileges to the ships of any foreign country, although the con-

ditions aforesaid shall not, in all respects, be fulfilled by such foreign country:

And whereas, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, Her Majesty, having acquired the sovereignty of a great portion of the islands of New Zealand, was pleased to place the same under the Government of New South Wales:

And whereas, on the twentieth November one thousand eight hundred and forty, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the power in Her vested by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the second and third years of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to continue, until the thirty-first of December one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, and to the end of the then next session of Parliament, and to extend the provisions 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: