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By the QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

**W**HEREAS, in and by the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, and Commerce, agreed upon and concluded between Us and His Majesty the Tycoon of Japan, and signed on the twenty-sixth day of August last, it is (amongst other things) stipulated and agreed, that there shall be perpetual peace and friendship between Us and His said Majesty; that certain Ports and Towns therein mentioned, in the Dominions of His said Majesty, shall be opened to British Subjects at the respective dates therein also mentioned (the earliest of such dates, as to the Ports of Hakodadi, and Kanagawa, and Nagasaki, being the First day of July, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine); and it is thereby further stipulated, that the Articles for the regulation of Trade, which are appended to the said Treaty, shall be considered as forming a part of the same, and shall be equally binding on both the contracting parties to the said Treaty, and on their subjects; **AND** WHEREAS, until the Ratification of the said Treaty (of which due notice will be given), the existing laws and regulations of Japan remain in full force; and British subjects are thereby interdicted, under severe penalties, from all trade and intercourse with Japan, otherwise than in strict accordance with such laws and regulations; **AND** WHEREAS We have been given to understand, that divers persons, being British subjects, have despatched, or are preparing to despatch, to Japan certain ships and vessels, which ships and vessels are appointed or intended to proceed to, and to trade, or endeavour to trade with; and to

hold intercourse with, Japan, contrary to, and in violation of, the existing laws and regulations of Japan, and before the Ratification of the said Treaty, and otherwise, in contravention of the said Treaty, if the same shall be hereafter ratified; **AND** WHEREAS all attempts to violate the said laws and regulations before the Ratification of the said Treaty, and all attempts to contravene or violate the stipulations thereof, after its Ratification, will tend seriously to frustrate and will greatly endanger the success of Our attempts to establish and maintain friendly relations, and promote commercial intercourse with His said Majesty the Tycoon of Japan, and His subjects, and will be in derogation of the laws and usage of nations, and will prove highly prejudicial to Our dignity and good faith, no less than to the rights and interests of all Our loving subjects, and will tend to the perpetration of serious crimes and offences, and will be of great public danger and detriment: **WE HAVE THEREFORE** thought fit to issue this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby **WARNING** all Our loving subjects, that all such enterprises and practices hereinbefore mentioned, are and will be carried on and committed in violation of the laws of Japan, and in contravention of the provisions of the said Treaty, if and when the same shall be ratified, and that We will not in any manner whatsoever interfere to prevent the forfeiture of any ships, or vessels, or goods, which may be employed in such enterprises or practices, or the infliction of pecuniary penalties or fines upon any persons engaged therein; and We do hereby further make known to all Our loving subjects, that instructions have been given to the Commanders of Our Ships of War in the ports of Japan, and in the waters near the same, to assist and support by all lawful means, His said Majesty the Tycoon of Japan and His Government, in preventing any violation, evasion, or contraven-