

any Friendly State, the following consequences shall ensue :

“(1.) Every Person engaged in such Preparation or fitting out, or assistance therein, or employed in any Capacity in such Expedition, shall be guilty of an Offence against this Act, and shall be punishable by Fine and Imprisonment, or either of such Punishments, at the Discretion of the Court before which the Offender is convicted ; and Imprisonment, if awarded, may be either with or without Hard Labour.

“(2.) All Ships, and their Equipments, and all Arms and Munitions of War, used in or forming part of such Expedition, shall be forfeited to Her Majesty.

“Any Person who aids, abets, counsels, or procures the Commission of any Offence against this Act shall be liable to be tried and punished as a principal Offender.”

And whereas by the said Act it is further provided that Ships built, commissioned, equipped, or despatched in Contravention of the said Act, may be condemned and forfeited by Judgment of the Court of Admiralty ; and that if the Secretary of State or Chief Executive Authority is satisfied that there is a reasonable and probable Cause for believing that a Ship within Her Majesty's Dominions has been, or is being, built, commissioned, or equipped, contrary to the said Act, and is about to be taken beyond the Limits of such Dominions, or that a ship is about to be despatched contrary to the Act, such Secretary of State, or Chief Executive Authority, shall have power to issue a Warrant authorising the Seizure and Search of such Ship, and her Detention until she has been either condemned or released by process of law : And whereas certain Powers of Seizure and Detention are conferred by the said Act on certain Local Authorities :

Now, in order that none of Our subjects may unwarily render themselves liable to the penalties imposed by the said statute, We do hereby strictly command that no person or persons whatsoever, do commit any act, matter, or thing whatsoever contrary to the provisions of the said statute, upon pain of the several penalties by the said statute imposed, and of Our high displeasure.

And We do hereby further warn and admonish all Our loving subjects, and all persons whatsoever entitled to our protection, to observe towards each of the aforesaid Sovereigns, their subjects and territories, and towards all belligerents whatsoever, with whom we are at peace, the duties of neutrality ; and to respect, in all and each of them, the exercise of those belligerent rights which We and Our Royal Predecessors have always claimed to exercise.

And We hereby further warn all Our loving subjects, and all persons whatsoever entitled to Our protection, that, if any of them shall presume, in contempt of this Our Royal Proclamation, and of Our high displeasure, to do any acts in derogation of their duty as subjects of a neutral Sovereign, in a war between other Sovereigns, or in violation or contravention of the law of nations in that behalf, as more especially by breaking, or endeavouring to break, any blockade lawfully and actually established by or on behalf of either of the said Sovereigns, or by carrying officers, soldiers, despatches, arms, ammunition, military stores or materials, or any article or articles considered and deemed to be contraband of war, according to the law or modern usages of nations, for the use or service of either of the said Sovereigns,

that all persons so offending, together with their ships and goods, will rightfully incur, and be justly liable to, hostile capture, and to the penalties denounced by the law of nations in that behalf.

And We do hereby give notice, that all Our subjects and persons entitled to Our protection who may misconduct themselves in the premises, will do so at their peril and of their own wrong ; and that they will in no wise obtain any protection from Us against such capture or such penalties as aforesaid, but will, on the contrary, incur Our high displeasure by such misconduct.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, this ninth day of *August*, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and in the thirty-fourth year of Our reign.

GOD save the QUEEN.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of *August*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

THIS day, Sir William Heathcote, Baronet, and Lord Justice Sir George Mellish, were, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took their places at the Board accordingly.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of *August*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council was this day pleased, on a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, to appoint W. Scott Coward, Esquire, to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

AT the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of *August*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade have represented to Her Majesty that the following decimal series of new avoirdupois grain weights have been recommended by the Commissioners appointed by Royal Warrant bearing date the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight for inquiry into the condition of the Exchequer Standards (now called the Board of Trade Standards) of Length and Weight, and for other purposes, to be legalised as Secondary Standards, in pursuance of sections six and eight of the Standards of Weights, Measures, and Coinage Act, 1866, and that such grain weights have been constructed, and have been duly verified in the Standards Department of the Board of Trade, their weight