

Decrees:—

ART. 1. That the ports of Savanilla and Barranquilla are hereby declared closed against foreign commerce and against the coasting trade during the time a state of war exists in said ports of the State of Bolivar, in consequence whereof it is absolutely prohibited to import foreign merchandise and export hence native produce through said ports, at same time warning those who contravene said disposition that they will be called to pay, in full, all duties their importation and exportation may cause, so soon as the Federal Government shall have re-established public order, and for which purpose active measures will be taken in due time to ascertain what goods have been imported during that period.

ART. 2. Communicate this Decree to the President of the State, in order that it may be published in the next number of the Official Gazette, for the information of those engaged in commerce and of the agents of foreign steam ship companies, giving also due notice of same to the Secretary of Finance for its legal effects.

Given in Carthagena, this 17th day of January, 1885.

(Signed) F. FONSECA PLAZAS.

Decree No. 8 of 1885.

By which the Custom-house of Barranquilla is declared to be closed.

The President of the Sovereign State of Panamá, in representation of the National Executive Power,

Considering:—

1. That the city of Barranquilla has been occupied by armed men not under the control of the National Government;

2. That the merchandize and national treasure passing through there have not the needed security,

Decrees:—

ART. 1. That the port of Barranquilla is hereby declared closed against exterior commerce and coasting trade.

ART. 2. Communicate this Decree to the Consuls and agents of steam ship companies in this city and in Colon, and to the respective military authorities.

Given in Panamá, this 14th day of January, 1885.

(Signed) R. STO. DOMINGO VILA.
JOSÉ M. ALEMAN, Secretary.

United States of Colombia.

Sovereign State of Bolivar.

Carthagena, January 25, 1885.

Circular.—Finance and War Department.

To Messrs. the Consuls and Agents of Steam Ship Companies.

I have the honour to inform you that by a Decree of the 17th instant, the Fiscal Inspector of Custom-houses of the Atlantic has declared the ports of Barranquilla and Savanilla closed against exterior commerce and coasting trade, during the time the present state of war should exist in said ports.

At same time it is my duty to inform you that the Fiscal Inspector of Customs has resolved under this date, that in case interested parties do not or cannot make use of the right to order that the goods destined for said ports should be returned to their port of shipment, said goods can be discharged and deposited in the custom-houses of Carthagena, Sta. Martha, and Riohacha; the expenses of discharging and cartage of said goods to the magazines of the Custom-house, being for account of the agents or consignees of the cargo.

(Signed) F. J. PALACIO.

At the Court at Windsor, the 26th day of March, 1885.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Marquess of Hartington.

Lord Steward.

Earl Granville.

Sir H. Ponsonby.

Sir Edward Malet.

WHEREAS, by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, Her Majesty the Queen has power and jurisdiction in West Africa:

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1878, or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

PART I.—GENERAL JURISDICTION.

1. The limits of this Order are—

The parts of West Africa situate west of the 25th meridian of east longitude, south of the 30th parallel of north latitude and north of the 25th parallel of south latitude, except any place for the time being comprised within the limits of the ordinary local jurisdiction of the Courts of any Colony, Settlement, or possession of Her Majesty or of any other non-African Power, and except the territories and territorial waters of Morocco and Liberia.

2. Subject to the provisions and restrictions contained in this Order, and in particular to the provisions which define or prescribe the law to be administered under this Order, the jurisdiction conferred by and to be exercised under this Order shall, within the limits of this Order, and subject to the restrictions in this Order mentioned, comprise and include all power and jurisdiction whatsoever which, under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts or otherwise, Her Majesty is capable of conferring on the Courts constituted by this Order for the purposes of civil and criminal jurisdiction, and for the other purposes expressed in this Order, and all such power and jurisdiction are hereby conferred on the said Courts.

3. All powers and jurisdiction under this Order are vested in the Consular Courts hereby constituted.

Every person for the time being holding Her Majesty's Commission as a Consul-General, Consul, or Vice-Consul, or acting in any of such capacities by the authority of a Secretary of State, shall, when a district has been assigned to him under this Article, hold and form a Consular Court under this Order, in and for such district, within the limits of this Order, and at such place or places within such district, and subject to such limitations or restrictions (if any) as to the exercise of the powers and jurisdiction conferred by this Order as a Secretary of State by any general or particular instructions from time to time directs.

In case Her Majesty is pleased to direct the appointment of a person not holding such Commission, or acting as aforesaid, to perform as a Judge or Judicial Officer or Commissioner in or for any district, place, or region to which this Order applies, all or any of the judicial powers or jurisdictions by this Order vested in a Consular Court, a person so appointed by authority of a Secretary of State, in such form as the Secretary of State directs, shall in like manner hold and form a Court, and for the purposes of, and subject to, any limitations contained in his appointment, shall have all the same powers and jurisdiction